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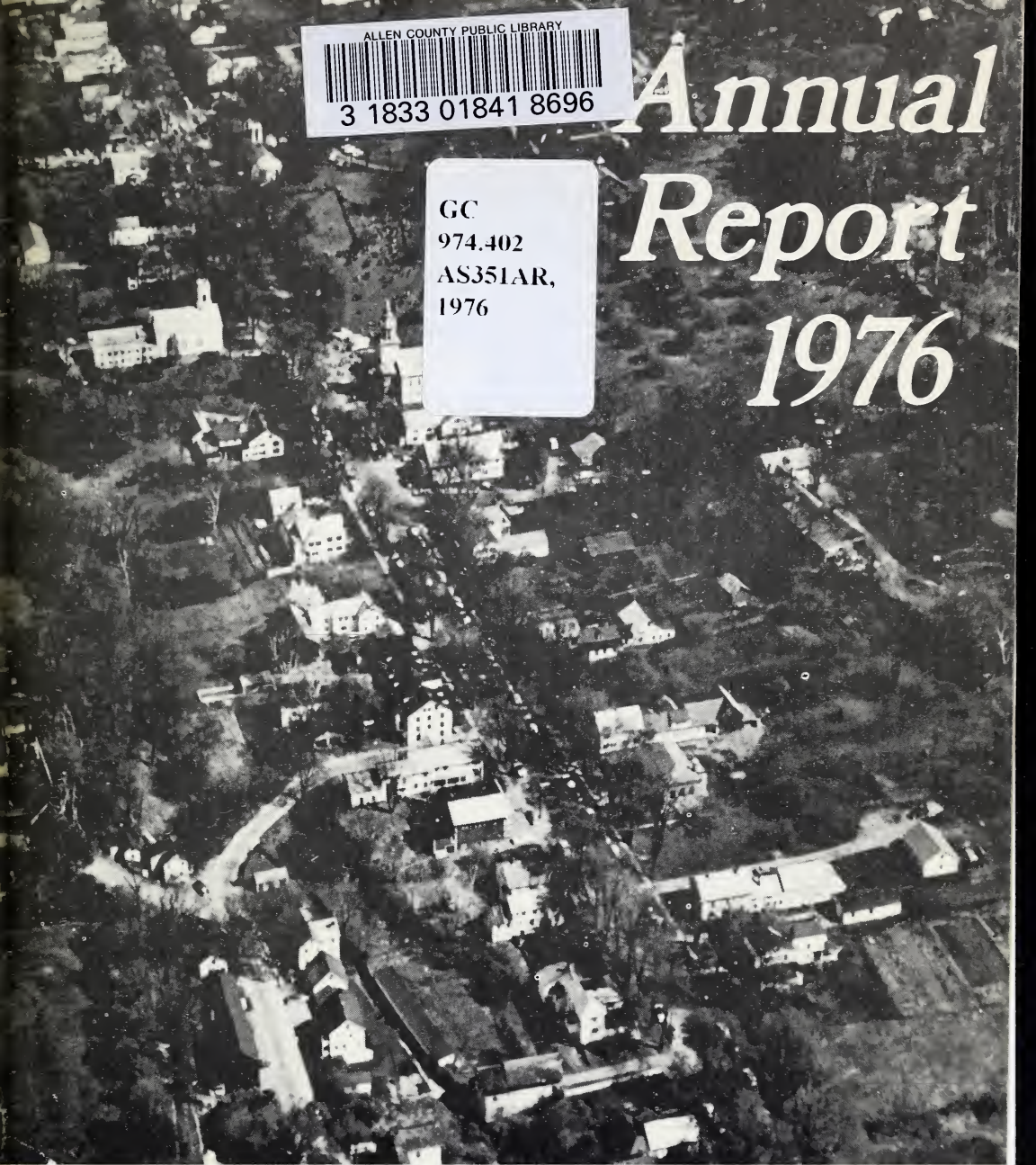
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An aerial black and white photograph of a town, showing a mix of residential houses, some larger commercial or institutional buildings, and extensive wooded areas. The town is nestled in a valley with hills in the background.

TOWN of ASHFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES
Of The Town Of
ASHFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS



For The Year Ending
1976

U.S. SENATORS

EDWARD W. BROOKE

EDWARD M. KENNEDY

BOSTON

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 1

SILVIO O. CONTE, PITTSFIELD

STATE SENATOR

JOHN W. OLVER, AMHERST

REPRESENTATIVE GENERAL COURT

FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT 1

JONATHAN HEALY, CHARLEMONT

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THOMAS W. MERRIGAN, GREENFIELD

JOHN F. BASSETT, TURNERS FALLS

MARGRET H. HERLIHY, GREENFIELD

TOWN OFFICERS

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors hold regular weekly meetings every Monday at the Town Office. Time schedule is as follows:

Monday Afternoons: 1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. Nov. 1 through April 30
Monday Evenings: 7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. May 1 through Oct. 31

1 yr. Terms

MODERATOR
LINWOOD B. LESURE

AUDITOR
JOHN L. PARKER

1 yr. Terms

CLERK
ELEANOR M. WARD

TREASURER
PATRICIA C. FARRELL

TREE WARDEN 1 yr. Term
RAMON R. SEARS

TAX COLLECTOR 3 yr. Term
JANE E. WARD Term expires 1979

SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH 3 yr. Term
EDWARD W. SCOTT Term expires 1977
RALPH L. HOWES Term expires 1978
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS Term expires 1979

ASSESSORS 3 yr. Term
MALCOLM S. CLARK Term expires 1977
WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER Term expires 1978
WARREN M. CHASE Term expires 1979

FINANCE COMMITTEE Appointment
EDWARD W. SCOTT Term expires 1977
RALPH L. HOWES Term expires 1977
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS Term expires 1977
MALCOLM S. CLARK Term expires 1977
WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER Term expires 1977
WARREN M. CHASE Term expires 1977

SANDERSON SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr. Term
ROBERT ROBERTSON Term expires 1977
SANDRA E. GALLERANI Term expires 1978
BARBARA V. ZALENSKI Term expires 1979

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE 3 yr. Term

ROBERT ROBERTSON — October, 1976	Representative 1976
SANDRA E. GALLERANI — to complete term	Representative 1976
CLEMENT H. RECORD Resigned 10-4-76	Term expires 1977
ROBERT ROBERTSON Appointed to fill vacancy till election	

CONSTABLES 3 yr. Term

WARREN KIRKPATRICK	Term expires 1977
JOHN A. LaBELLE	Term expires 1977
WALTER D. ZALENSKI	Term expires 1977

PARK COMMISSIONERS 3 yr. Term

ARTHUR P. PANTERMEHL	Term expires 1977
DOUGLAS R. PEASE	Term expires 1978
WALTER E. TIRRELL	Term expires 1979

PLANNING BOARD 5 yr. Term

BEATRICE V. HOWES	Term expires 1977
DOUGLAS M. ANGLEMAN	Term expires 1978
RAYMOND T. CASSIDY	Term expires 1979
PAULINE J. NYE	Term expires 1980
MARY L. TILLEY	Term expires 1981

LIBRARY TRUSTEES 5 yr. Term

WALTER A. WHITNEY, JR.	Term expires 1977
LYNN W. LESURE	Term expires 1978
GRACE B. HOWES	Term expires 1979
HOPE PACKARD	Term expires 1980
JAMES L. CRAIG	Term expires 1981

THE FOLLOWING OFFICES ARE BY APPOINTMENT:

BOARD OF APPEALS

KENNETH A. LILLY	June 1977
RALPH E. TOWNSLEY	June 1978
WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER	June 1979
MARIANNA T. GRAVES, Assoc. Member	June 1977
RONALD S. McGOWAN, Assoc. Member	June 1978

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ARTHUR L. WILLIAMS & RUSSELL FESSENDEN	June 1977
LINWOOD B. LESURE	June 1978
PHILIP H. STEINMETZ	June 1979

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

JUNE E. FITZGERALD	HOWARD C. BARNES
PHILIP F. NOLAN, JR.	ELEANOR M. WARD

BUILDING CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

HELEN E. DOYLE	June 1977
NATHANIEL D. SMITH	June 1978
JOANNE H. OSTROWSKI	June 1979
ALDEN J. GRAY	June 1980
PHYLLIS E. GRAVES	June 1981

CHIEF OF POLICE
WALTER D. ZALENSKI

FIRE CHIEF & FOREST WARDEN
ROBERT E. VAN IDERSTINE

BUILDING INSPECTOR
DEXTER T. BLISS

PLUMBING INSPECTOR
RICHARD E. OUIMETTE

INSPECTOR OF WIRES
DOUGLAS H. NYE

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS
THEODORE BOBETSKY

DOG OFFICER
STEPHEN W. GREENMAN

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
RALPH W. GRAVES

VETERANS' AGENT
CLYDE H. CHURCHILL

BURIAL AGENT
NORMAN PIKE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
ARTHUR P. SILVESTER

FIELD DRIVERS & POUND KEEPERS	
MALCOLM S. CLARK	MERTON HOWES

SURVEYORS OF WOOD & LUMBER	
DONALD S. GRAVES	DONALD A. BURNETT

FENCE VIEWERS

CHARLES C. GRAY	RUSSELL V. LOOMIS
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

This past year has been an average year as far as the selectmen have been concerned. New legislation, changes in existing laws and the formation of new agencies cause a never-ending stack of reading and paperwork to wade through.

Building permits issued remain steady in spite of slow-down elsewhere. Various repairs were made to the Town Hall and the steeple was repaired and painted completing the Town Hall exterior.

The town received the new fire truck late last February. This is one piece of equipment we hope we don't have to use too often but are pleased to have ready for service if and when needed.

We are recommending purchase of a new truck for the highway department to replace the oldest one which is now 14 years old. The middle section of West Road was tarred and completed; one more section to go and the Brier Hill loop will be all tarred. The northwest section of Warger Road was rebuilt as were portions of Bellus Road, necessitated by homes being constructed and the roads needing to be passable and plowable in the winter. All kinds of permits are now required to rebuild roads not already started, so we applied for and received permission from all the necessary agencies to rebuild Bear Swamp Road from Hawley Road to above the reservoir. The worst section of Steady Lane was rebuilt and Bronson Avenue, Thayer Road and the school yard were resurfaced.

Because of continuing pressure from E. P. A. and other agencies, we decided to pursue the course of having the 1971 sewer study updated and possibly apply for federal money to build a sewage treatment plant and system to cover the lake and the Main Street area. After getting approval of the townspeople at the special town meeting, we contracted with Weston & Sampson Engineers to proceed with the study and, with their help, applied for and received federal grant money for the updating of the preliminary study. All possible solu-

tions to the problem will be studied and brought up at a town meeting for a final decision.

We feel very fortunate in that the quality of personnel throughout the town, in the ambulance, fire, school, police, highway departments, and all other boards and commissions are so conscientious and dedicated to the town. This makes our job easier and makes us strive harder to do a good job ourselves. We are made even more aware of this when we meet with other selectmen and hear their problems. We hope everyone in town is aware of this and appreciates these people as we do.

Selectmen of Ashfield
EDWARD W. SCOTT
RALPH L. HOWES
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FINAL SIX MONTHS - FISCAL 1976

January 1, 1976 - June 30, 1976

AMBULANCE FUND

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 3,491.25
Cleaning & laundry	\$ 35.50	
Supplies	201.23	
Training	58.03	
Registration fees	95.00	
Repairs & parts - Ambulance	308.26	698.12

Unexpended Balance Forward		\$ 2,793.13

ASSESSORS' EXPENSES

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$ 411.95
Transferred from Overlay Surplus	1,200.00

(Special Town Meeting, February 11, 1976)	\$ 1,611.95
Postage & Stamped envelopes	\$ 56.21
Registry of Deeds	40.75
Mileage & expenses	75.02
Typing & secretarial	1,206.00

Dues	21.00	
Supplies	58.66	
Printed forms	141.49	1,599.13
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Balance to Overlay Surplus	\$	12.82
BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$	1,000.00
Belding Memorial Library	\$	1,000.00
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BONDS		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$	500.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$	454.00 454.00
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Balance to General Fund	\$	46.00
BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$.02
Balance to General Fund	\$.02
CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$	175.00
Ashfield Burial Ground Association	\$	175.00
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CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION - 1975 FISCAL YEAR		
WEST ROAD		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$	3,533.35
Payroll	\$	432.20
Town Owned Equipment		277.10 709.30
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Unexpended Balance Forward	\$	2,824.05
CHAPTER 765 - CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION - 1976 FISCAL YEAR		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$	35,251.00
Payroll	\$	649.35
Town Owned Equipment		554.10
C. W. Ward, Inc.		90.00 1,293.45
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Unexpended Balance Forward	\$	33,957.55
CHAPTER 497 - GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$	12,617.24
Transferred from Reserve Fund		516.57
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	\$	13,133.81
Payroll	\$	10,407.90
Bill Willard, Inc.		1,063.59
Gravel		518.70
Warner Bros. - Bit. Conc. & Tar patch		1,113.74
Supplies		29.88 \$ 13,133.81
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CHAPTER 825—SECTION 1—GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND
1977 FISCAL YEAR

Acceptance at Special Town Meeting	
February 11, 1976	\$ 19,570.00
Unexpended Balance Forward	\$ 19,570.00

CHAPTER 1140 — SECTION 20
SPECIAL HIGHWAY FUND

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$ 9,729.65
Payroll	\$ 262.80
Town Owned Equipment	81.00 343.80

Unexpended Balance Forward	\$ 9,385.85

CIVIL DEFENSE

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$ 13.73
Transferred from Reserve Fund	243.87

	\$ 257.60
Supplies	\$ 3.60
Mass. State Agency	254.00 \$ 257.60

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$ 150.80
Raymond H. Reniff, Director	\$ 150.00

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$ 85.00
Dues	\$ 17.00 17.00

Balance to General Fund	\$ 68.00
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DUMP

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$ 3,139.25
Transferred from Reserve Fund	11.15

	\$ 3,150.40
Dump Attendant - Wages	\$ 2,295.00
Labor	154.00
Brush cutting	12.00
Plowing	245.00
Fill	74.90
Rent	362.50
Supplies	7.00 \$ 3,150.40

ELECTIONS

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 300.00
Arthur Williams	\$ 4.50	
Norman Pike	23.63	
Barbara Zalenski	21.38	
Walter Doneilo	15.75	
Philip Steinmetz	16.88	
John Graham	41.63	
Richard Munroe	3.38	
Eleanor Ward	45.00	
Charles Williams	23.63	
Robert Van Iderstine	24.75	
Frederick Rice	18.00	
Kathleen O'Donnell	10.13	
Angelina O'Donnell	2.25	250.91

Balance to General Fund	\$	49.09
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NEW FIRE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$ 35,511.00
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	1,072.00
(Special Town Meeting, February 11, 1976)	\$ 36,583.00

Doty Ford, Inc. - Chassis	\$ 14,861.00
FMC Bean Co.	21,722.00 \$ 36,583.00

FIRES & EQUIPMENT

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$ 1,795.20
Transferred from Town Reports & Ballots	567.00
(Special Town Meeting, June 28, 1976)	\$ 2,362.20

National Fire Protection Assoc.	\$ 46.00
Tri-State Dues	27.00
Supplies	40.24
Postage	4.50
Travel Expense	22.80
Fire Phone	262.45
Station Phone	146.72
Radio Repairs	76.55
Equipment	962.80
Payroll	757.12 2,346.18

Balance to General Fund	\$	16.02
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BOARD OF HEALTH

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 24.40
Dues	\$ 6.00	
Doctor's Fee	15.00	21.00

Balance to General Fund		\$ 3.40
HEATING - TOWN HALL & FIRE HOUSE		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 1,385.11
Transferred from Reserve Fund		281.12

		\$ 1,666.23
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	\$ 1,666.23	-----
HIGHWAY DEPT. - PAID VACATION & HOLIDAYS		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 786.90
Transferred from Reserve Fund		342.70

		\$ 1,129.60
Expended	\$ 1,129.60	-----
HIGHWAY DEPT. - SICK LEAVE		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 2,607.70
Expended	\$ 728.90	728.90

Unexpended Balance Forward		\$ 1,878.80
HIGHWAY DEPT. - OVERTIME ACCOUNT		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		\$ 5,329.50
(Special Town Meeting, February 11, 1976)		
Expended	\$ 5,329.50	-----
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 125.00
William R. Fitzgerald, Inspector	\$ 125.00	-----
INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS & EQUIPMENT		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 1,474.00
Appropriation from Free Cash		1,308.00
(Special Town Meeting, June 28, 1976)		-----
		\$ 2,782.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 2,782.00	-----
LIFEGUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTION		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 280.81
Ronald Coler, Lifeguard	\$ 109.20	
Mary O'Brien, Aide	6.90	
Mari Lou Ward, Aide	9.20	125.30

Balance to General Fund		\$ 119.11
MACHINERY EXPENSE		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 7,188.44
Transferred Machinery Earnings (July 1, 1975-Dec. 31, 1975)		8,880.30

(Special Town Meeting, February 11, 1976)

\$ 16,068.74

Parts & Repairs	\$ 8,400.27	
Radio repairs	60.54	
Supplies	404.92	
Telephone	96.34	
Electricity	152.68	
Gas & Diesel fuel	3,216.27	
Tires	1,254.30	13,585.32

Unexpended Balance to Machinery Earnings \$ 2,483.42
(Transferred @Annual Town Meeting, April 3, 1976)

MEMORIAL DAY

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 275.00
Geraniums	\$ 42.00	
Mohawk Trail Regional Band	100.00	
American Legion - Poppies	30.00	
Veterans' Service Center - Flags	62.20	234.20

Balance to General Fund \$ 40.80

DISTRICT NURSE - ASHFIELD'S SHARE

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 1,856.62
Salary	\$ 1,151.55	
Postage & mileage	200.32	
Typing	15.47	
Supplies	19.06	
Rent of Office	80.00	1,466.40

Balance to General Fund \$ 390.22

OFFICE EXPENSE

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$ 2,579.71
Transferred from Reserve Fund	192.07

\$ 2,771.78

Postage & Stamped envelopes	\$ 386.11
Typing & secretarial	1,435.00
Supplies	122.43
Public Advertisements	111.03
Vital Statistics Fees	40.50
Dues	122.50
Telephone	347.09
Printed forms	19.90
The Country Bank	11.50
Girl Scouts - Delivery of Town Reports	35.00
Registry of Deeds	3.00
Wire Inspection	10.00

Repairs - Office machines	127.72	\$ 2,771.78
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PAINTING TOWN HALL		
Balance to General Fund		\$ 232.21
PARKS & BEACH		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 742.64
Electricity	\$ 17.88	
Telephone	41.84	
Labor	59.75	
Ronald Coler	163.80	
Supplies	47.89	
Fencing - tennis courts	236.25	567.41
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 175.23
POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 5,500.09
Expended	\$ 5,499.91	5,499.91
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Balance to General Fund		\$.18
POLICE DEPARTMENT		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 2,692.98
Police phone	\$ 284.60	
Dues	34.00	
Postage	6.70	
Typing	396.55	
Payroll	518.14	
Supplies	111.36	
Telephone Diverter	29.54	
Insurance	136.80	
Parts & repairs - Cruiser	279.13	
Uniforms	57.95	
Radios & repairs	523.82	
Gasoline	111.64	2,490.23
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Balance to General Fund		\$ 202.75
PRINTING TOWN REPORTS & BALLOTS		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 2,000.00
Transferred to Fires & Equipment	\$ 567.00	
Hamilton Newell, Inc. - Town Reports	1,358.00	
Hamilton Newell, Inc. - Ballots	75.00	\$ 2,000.00
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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 150.00
Philip F. Nolan, Jr.	\$ 25.00	

Howard C. Barnes	25.00	
June E. Fitzgerald	25.00	
Eleanor M. Ward	75.00	\$ 150.00
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RENT OF HYDRANTS		
Unexpended Balance to General Fund	\$	212.50
ASHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$157,583.77
Expended	\$132,193.26	\$132,193.26
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Balance to General Fund	\$	25,390.51
MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$	53,269.29
Expended	\$ 41,743.83	41,743.83
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Balance to General Fund	\$	11,525.46
UPDATING SEWERAGE & WASTEWATER REPORT		
Appropriation from Free Cash		\$ 12,900.00
(Special Town Meeting, May 11, 1976)		
Weston & Sampson Engineers	\$ 750.00	750.00
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Unexpended Balance Forward		\$ 12,150.00
STREET LIGHTS		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$	1,495.83
Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 1,448.75	1,448.75
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Balance to General Fund	\$	47.08
TOWN COUNSEL		
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	\$	1,500.00
(Special Town Meeting, February 11, 1976)		
Bartlett, Trudel & Barry	\$ 1,139.97	1,139.97
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Balance to Overlay Surplus	\$	360.03
TOWN HALL		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$	915.56
Transferred from Reserve Fund		70.53
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	\$	986.09
Maintenance & repairs	\$ 333.38	
Supplies	40.21	
Flag purchased	14.50	
Geraniums	14.50	
Janitorial	123.00	
Electricity	\$ 460.50	\$ 986.09
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TOWN OFFICERS

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 7,000.00
Linwood B. Lesure, Moderator	\$ 20.00	
Edward W. Scott, Selectman	500.00	
Ralph L. Howes, Selectman	500.00	
Russell V. Loomis, Selectman	500.00	
Warren M. Chase, Assessor	600.00	
Malcolm S. Clark, Assessor	600.00	
William H. Schreiber, Assessor	300.00	
Richard S. Munroe, Assessor	300.00	
Patricia C. Farrell, Treasurer	1,200.00	
Eleanor M. Ward, Town Clerk	900.00	
Jane E. Ward, Tax Collector	700.00	
Robert E. Van Iderstine, Fire Chief	350.00	
John L. Parker, Auditor	20.00	
Stephen W. Greenman, Dog Officer	60.00	
Robert Robertson, School Committee	150.00	
Barbara V. Zalenski, School Committee	150.00	
Sandra E. Gallerani, School Committee	150.00	\$ 7,000.00

TREE WARDEN

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 1,086.49
Salaries & Wages	\$ 1,026.50	
Cotton Tree Service	49.86	
License	10.00	1,086.36

Balance to General Fund \$.13

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 1,173.41
Expended	\$ 495.65	495.65

Balance to General Fund \$ 677.76

VETERANS' CENTER — MAINTENANCE

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 1,367.00
Veterans' Center	\$ 1,367.00	-----

WINTER ROADS

Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976		\$ 23,771.30
Payroll	\$ 18,975.97	
Gasoline & Diesel fuel	1,752.74	
Morton Salt Co.	1,875.80	
Wm. C. Whitehouse	384.00	
Parts & repairs	772.30	23,760.81

Balance to General Fund	\$	10.49
WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$	2,500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		164.00
Appropriation from Free Cash		897.00

(Special Town Meeting, June 28, 1976)	\$	3,561.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$	3,561.00 -----
RESERVE FUND		
Unexpended Balance, January 1, 1976	\$	2,169.33
Chapter 497	\$	516.57
Civil Defense		243.87
Dump		11.15
Heating Town Buildings		281.12
Highway Dept.--Paid Vacations & Holidays		342.70
Office Expense		192.07
Town Hall		70.53
Workmen's Compensation		164.00

Balance to Overlay Surplus	\$	347.32

SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS
January 1, 1976 - June 30, 1976

Abatements - Motor Vehicles	\$	892.39
Ambulance Fund		698.12
Assessors' Expenses		1,599.13
Belding Memorial Library		1,000.00
Bonds		454.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves		175.00
Chapter 497 - General Highway Fund		13,133.81
Chapter 90 Construction - 1975 Fiscal Year		709.30
Chapter 765 - 90 Const. - 1976 Fiscal Year		1,293.45
Chapter 1140, Section 20, - Special Highway Fund		343.80
Charity		248.00
Civil Defense		257.60
Civil Defense Director		150.00
Conservation Commission		17.00
Dump		3,150.40
Dog Officer		50.00
Elections		250.91
Fire Truck & equipment - New		36,583.00

Fires & Equipment	2,346.18
Wm. Hathaway Fund	20.00
Health, Board of	21.00
Heating - Town Buildings	1,666.23
Highway Dept. - Paid Vacations & Holidays	1,129.60
Highway Dept. - Sick Leave	728.90
Highway Dept. - Overtime Account	5,329.50
Inspector of Animals	125.00
Insurance on Town Buildings & Equipment	2,782.00
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	125.30
Machinery Expense	13,585.32
Memorial Day	234.20
Nurse	1,466.40
Office Expense	2,771.78
Parks & Beach	567.41
Police Chief's Salary	5,499.91
Police Department	2,490.23
Printing Town Reports & Ballots	1,433.00
Registrars of Voters	150.00
Schools: Ashfield Public Schools	132,193.26
Mohawk Trail Regional - Cap., Oper., Vocat.	41,743.83
Sewerage & Wastewater Report - Updating	750.00
Street Lights	1,448.75
Tax, Franklin County	15,630.37
Tax, Franklin County, Supplemental	449.27
Town Counsel	1,139.97
Town Hall	986.09
Town Officers	7,000.00
Tree Warden	1,086.36
Veterans' Benefits	495.65
Veterans' Center, Maintenance	1,367.00
Winter Roads	23,760.81
Workmen's Compensation	3,561.00

	\$ 335,090.23

Income:

Interest Returned to accounts	
M. M. Belding	125.14
Fred Cross Library	269.02
Cemetery Fund	171.96

Income:

Ashfield Historical Society - State Grant	525.00
Belding Memorial Library - State Aid	1,760.00
Demands - Tax Collector	362.00
Dog Licenses - Treasurer, Franklin County	341.25

Dog Licenses - Town Clerk	28.95
Franklin County Retirement System - Deductions	3,228.22
Police - Extra Duty	146.46
Taxes, State Withholding - Deductions	5,675.23
Sales, Vol. I Town Histories - Returned to Frederick Cross Fund	1,980.00

TOTAL:	\$ 349,703.46

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

EDWARD W. SCOTT
RALPH L. HOWES
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS

	By Taxation	Available Funds
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Totals of Appropriations @ Annual Town Meeting:		
	\$ 630,225.43	\$ 157,786.59

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS:—

FEBRUARY 11, 1976

----- Machinery Expense—

Transfer from Machinery Earnings (July 1, '75-Dec. 31, '75)	8,880.30
New Fire Truck & Equipment—	
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	1,072.00
Town Counsel—	
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	1,500.00
Assessors' Expenses—	
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	1,200.00
Overtime Account—Highway Dept.—	
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	5,329.50
General Highway Fund—	
Acceptance under Chapt. 825, Sect. 1	19,570.00
May 11, 1976	

----- Updating Report of Sewerage & Wastewater—

Appropriation from Free Cash	12,900.00
June 28, 1976	

----- Insurance on Town Buildings & Equipment—

Appropriation from Free Cash	1,308.00
Workmens' Compensation—	
Appropriation from Free Cash	897.00
Fires & Equipment—	

Transfer from Town Reports & Ballots		567.00
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GRAND TOTALS:	\$ 630,225.43	\$ 211,010.39
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ELEANOR M. WARD

TOWN CLERK

FIRST SIX MONTHS - FISCAL 1977

July 1, 1976 - December 31, 1976

AMBULANCE FUND

Earnings & Gifts for 1975		\$ 1,135.00
Balance of Ambulance Fund forward @ July 1, 1976		3,491.25

Supplies	\$ 423.32	4,626.25
Laundry & cleaning	38.69	
Repairs & parts	97.11	
Insurance	111.00	
Training	44.00	
Tires	88.00	802.12

Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 3,824.13
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ASHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Appropriation		\$ 151.02
Ashfield Historical Society, Inc.	\$ 151.02	-----

ASSESSORS' EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Typing & secretarial	\$ 492.00	
Registry of Deeds--copies	85.00	
Travel Expense	67.00	
Printed forms	7.92	
Supplies	5.20	657.12

Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 1,342.88
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BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Appropriation		\$ 4,950.00
Belding Memorial Library	\$ 2,000.00	2,000.00

Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 2,950.00
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BONDS

Appropriation		\$ 500.00
Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 500.00

BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM

Appropriation		\$ 2,223.50
Building Inspector--Dexter T. Bliss	\$ 2,223.50	-----

CARE OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Appropriation	\$	175.00
Unexpended Balance forward	\$	175.00

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION - 1975 FISCAL YEAR

WEST ROAD

Unexpended Balance, July 1, 1976	\$	2,824.05
Transferred from Reserve Fund		.65

\$ 2,824.70

Payroll	\$	1,815.40	
Town Owned Equipment		777.30	
C. W. Ward, Inc.		88.00	
William C. Whitehouse		144.00	2,824.70

CHAPTER 765 - CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION - 1976 FISCAL YEAR

STEADY LANE ROAD

Unexpended Balance, July 1, 1976	\$	33,957.55
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Payroll	\$	1,593.45	
Town Owned Equipment		731.10	
Warner Bros.		81.00	
William C. Whitehouse		928.00	
Gravel		391.50	
New England Culvert Corp.		1,200.92	
All States Asphalt		2,648.70	7,574.67

\$ 26,382.88

WEST ROAD

Payroll	\$	2,883.50	
Town Owned Equipment		1,277.60	
William C. Whitehouse		1,546.00	
C. A. Denison - Wood stakes		54.00	
Keyes Hardware - Seed		98.00	
Bill Willard, Inc. - Crushed stone		3,453.65	
Fill		107.10	
All States Asphalt		9,290.97	18,710.82

\$ 7,672.06

BRONSON AVE. & THAYER ROADS

Warner Bros. - Blacktop	\$	1,772.48	1,772.48
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Unexpended Balance forward	\$	5,899.58
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CHAPTER 765 - CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION - 1977 FISCAL YEAR

Appropriation	\$	35,251.00
Unexpended Balance forward	\$	35,251.00

CHAPTER 497 - GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND

Appropriation	\$ 23,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	2.04

\$ 23,002.04

Payroll	\$ 12,808.23	
William C. Whitehouse	2,728.00	
Warner Bros.	314.54	
Fill	30.45	
Gravel	14.70	
Logs - bridges	34.00	
Hired Chipper	112.00	
All States Asphalt	6,706.22	
Bill Willard, Inc.	253.90	\$ 23,002.04

CHAPTER 825, SECT. 1 - GENERAL HIGHWAY FUND

1977 FISCAL YEAR

Unexpended Balance, July 1, 1976	\$ 19,570.00
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Payroll	\$ 4,305.15	
Town of Plainfield	33.00	
Gravel	829.80	
Screenings	46.20	
Warner Bros. - Bit. Conc.	81.67	5,296.12

Unexpended Balance forward	\$ 14,273.88
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CHAPTER 1140, SECT. 20 - SPECIAL HIGHWAY FUND

Unexpended Balance, July 1, 1976	\$ 9,385.85
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Transferred from Reserve Fund	.03
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\$ 9,385.88

Payroll	\$ 800.45	
Town Owned Equip.	317.10	
Bill Willard, Inc. - Crushed stone	1,198.87	
Warner Bros., - Bit. Conc.	4,026.12	
All States Asphalt	3,043.34	\$ 9,385.88

CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation	\$ 50.00
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Unexpended Balance forward	\$ 50.00
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CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Appropriation	\$ 300.00
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R.H. Reniff, Director	\$ 150.00	150.00
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$	150.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION			
Appropriation		\$	100.00
Dues	\$	20.00	
Advertisements - Hearing		5.10	25.10
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$	74.90
DUMP			
Appropriation		\$	6,000.00
Salary - Dump attendant	\$	2,250.00	
Plowing		72.00	
Wood		60.00	
Fill		126.00	
Labor		291.60	2,799.60
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$	3,200.40
ELECTIONS			
Appropriation		\$	600.00
John Graham	\$	49.51	
Norman Pike		22.50	
Walter Doneilo		45.01	
Eleanor Ward		59.63	
Walter Zalenski		57.38	
Charles Williams		18.00	
Angelina O'Donnell		9.00	
Robert Van Iderstine		33.76	
Clement Record		32.63	
Philip Steinmetz		18.00	
Kenneth Lilly		11.25	356.67
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$	243.33
FIRE STATION - REPAIRS TO ROOF			
Appropriation		\$	1,600.00
William Gray--repairs	\$	1,195.00	1,195.00
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Balance returned to Frederick Cross Fund		\$	405.00
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FIRES & EQUIPMENT			
Appropriation		\$	4,370.00
Fire phone	\$	411.55	
Station phone		180.42	
Supplies		185.35	
Insurance		222.00	
Truck & equip. repairs		995.03	
Postage		5.49	

Mileage	2.40	
Training	67.24	
Equipment--New	502.43	
Radio repairs	166.21	-
Water--Ashfield Water Co.	13.50	2,751.62
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 1,618.38
BOARD OF HEALTH		
Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Doctor's fees	\$ 34.00	34.00
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 66.00
HEATING TOWN HALL & FIRE STATION		
Appropriation		\$ 1,600.00
Leo J. Burniske, Inc.	\$ 150.93	150.93
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 1,449.07
HIGHWAY DEPT. - PAID VACATIONS & HOLIDAYS		
Appropriation		\$ 3,910.00
Expended	\$ 2,846.40	2,846.40
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 1,063.60
HIGHWAY DEPT. - SICK LEAVE		
Balance forward, July 1, 1976		\$ 1,878.80
Appropriation		1,280.00

Expended	\$ 664.20	\$ 3,158.80
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 2,494.60
INSPECTION OF ANIMALS		
Appropriation		\$ 125.00
Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 125.00
INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS & EQUIPMENT		
Appropriation		\$ 5,500.00
Massamont Ins. Agency--Liability, Equipment	\$ 2,671.00	
Audit--Liability, Town buildings	88.00	2,759.00
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 2,741.00
LIFEGUARD & SWIMMING INSTRUCTION		
Appropriation		\$ 1,500.00
Lifeguard--Ronald Coler	\$ 899.60	
Aides: Barbara Cooke	177.10	
Mari Lou Ward	107.55	
Mary O'Brien	97.75	
Ivy Tirrell	66.70	

Carmen DeLuca	41.40	1,390.10
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 109.90
MACHINERY EXPENSE		
Unexpended Balance, July 1, 1976		\$ 2,483.42
Machinery Earnings transferred, Jan. 1-June 30, '76		785.32
Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		
(Special Town Meeting, September 27, 1976)		15,000.00

		\$ 18,268.74
Parts & repairs	\$ 3,191.82	
Supplies	99.13	
Gasoline & diesel fuel	4,625.15	
Ashfield Water Co.	16.00	
Payroll	153.90	
Tires	1,066.54	
Telephone	98.99	
Electricity	89.17	
Plow Blades	557.28	
Brooms for Sweeper	425.00	10,322.98
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 7,945.76
MEMORIAL DAY		
Appropriation		\$ 250.00
Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 250.00
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES		
Appropriation		\$ 1,274.00
Franklin-Hampshire Mental Health & Retardation Area Board	\$ 1,274.00	-----
DISTRICT NURSE - ASHFIELD'S SHARE		
Appropriation		\$ 3,995.00
Salary	\$ 1,074.47	
Postage & mileage	144.86	
Office supplies	12.37	
Typing	6.25	1,237.95
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 2,757.05
OFFICE EXPENSE		
Appropriation		\$ 5,000.00
Dues	\$ 191.25	
Postage & stamped envelopes	593.63	
Advertisements	92.54	
Wire inspections	20.00	
Office machines repairs	58.95	
Typing & secretarial	1,352.75	

Telephone	235.60	
Printed forms & books	577.21	
Travel expense	22.00	
Supplies	10.25	3,204.18
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 1,795.82
PAINTING & REPAIRS TOWN HALL STEEPLE		
Appropriation from Frederick Cross Fund		\$ 1,000.00
Appropriation from Frederick Cross Fund		1,100.00

(Special Town Meeting, September 27, 1976)		\$ 2,100.00
Robert Paquette, Steeplejack	\$ 2,085.00	2,085.00
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Balance returned to Frederick Cross Fund		\$ 15.00

PARKS & BEACH		
Appropriation		\$ 600.00
Labor	\$ 122.90	
Supplies	2.08	
Electricity	196.14	
Telephone	55.94	
Sand for beach	132.33	509.39
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 90.61
POLICE CHIEF'S SALARY		
Appropriation from Revenue Sharing		\$ 11,300.00
Appropriation from Revenue Sharing		700.00

(Special Town Meeting, May 11, 1976)		\$ 12,000.00
Walter D. Zalenski, Police Chief	\$ 6,000.02	6,000.02
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 5,999.98
POLICE DEPT. -- NEW CRUISER		
Appropriation from Revenue Sharing		\$ 4,700.00
Sweeney Ford, Inc.	\$ 4,648.00	4,648.00
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Balance returned to Revenue Sharing		\$ 52.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT		
Appropriation		\$ 5,000.00
Payroll	\$ 1,067.70	

Typing	205.70	
Police phone	236.82	
Radios & repairs	238.63	
Gasoline	463.63	
Parts & repairs	68.90	
Dues	22.00	
Postage	10.00	
Supplies	70.70	
Printed forms	70.00	
Sentry uniforms	278.55	2,732.63
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 2,267.37
PRINTING TOWN REPORTS & BALLOTS		
Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Hamilton Newell, Inc. - Voters Lists	\$ 367.04	367.04
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 1,632.96
REGISTRARS OF VOTERS		
Appropriation		\$ 150.00
Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 150.00
RENT OF HYDRANTS		
Appropriation		\$ 800.00
Ashfield Water Co.	\$ 675.00	675.00
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 125.00
FRANKLIN COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM - MAINTENANCE		
Appropriation		\$ 15,150.00
Expended	\$ 15,150.00	
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ASHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
Appropriation		\$237,965.00
Expended	\$108,513.42	108,513.42
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$129,451.58
MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL		
Appropriation		\$204,801.88
Expended	\$146,510.21	146,510.21
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 58,291.67
UPDATING SEWERAGE & WASTEWATER REPORT		
Unexpended Balance forward @July 1, 1976		\$ 12,150.00
Weston & Sampson Engineers	\$ 750.00	750.00
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Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 11,400.00
STREET LIGHTS		
Appropriation		\$ 2,900.00

Western Mass. Electric Co.	\$ 1,319.26	1,319.26
Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 1,580.74
STREET LISTING		
Appropriation		\$ 250.00
Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 250.00
TOWN COUNSEL		
Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Bartlett, Trudel & Barry	\$ 312.99	312.99
Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 2,187.01
TOWN HALL		
Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Ashfield Water Co.	\$ 54.00	
Electricity	437.72	
Supplies	38.24	
Janitor	263.50	
Ralph Pease - Repair of sills, steeple bell, etc.	1,077.17	
R. H. Nye - Wiring	14.50	
Eli Weeks - Storm door	64.50	1,949.63
Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 50.37
TOWN OFFICERS		
Appropriation		\$ 7,000.00
Russell Loomis, Selectman	\$ 250.00	
Edward Scott, Selectman	250.00	
Ralph Howes, Selectman	250.00	
Eleanor Ward, Town Clerk	450.00	
Patricia Farrell, Treasurer	600.00	
Jane Ward, Tax Collector	350.00	
Warren Chase, Assessor	300.00	
Malcolm Clark, Assessor	300.00	
William Schreiber, Assessor	300.00	
Robert VanInderstine, Fire Chief	175.00	3,225.00
Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 3,775.00
TREE WARDEN		
Appropriation		\$ 2,000.00
Ramon Sears	\$ 364.50	
Dennis Morin	118.00	
Thomas Smith	225.00	
Charles Williams	87.00	794.50
Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 1,205.50
VETERANS' BENEFITS		
Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus	2,500.00
(Special Town Meeting, December 28, 1976)	\$ 5,000.00

Expended	\$ 2,693.25	2,693.25
Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 2,306.75
WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' CENTER - MAINTENANCE		
Appropriation		\$ 1,510.00
Western Franklin Veterans' Center	\$ 1,510.00	

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation		\$ 30,000.00
Payroll	\$ 3,043.34	
Sparta Chemical Co.	468.92	
C. W. Ward, Inc.	760.00	
International Salt Co.	1,610.28	
Sand	377.30	6,259.84
Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 23,740.16

WORKMENS' COMPENSATION

Appropriation		\$ 3,200.00
Massamont Insurance Agency	\$ 3,162.00	3,162.00
Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 38.00

RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		\$ 2,500.00
Chapter 90 Construction, 1975 Fiscal Year	\$.65	
Chapter 497, General Highway Fund	\$ 2.04	
Chapter 1140, Sect. 20, Special Highway Fund	.03	2.72
Unexpended Balance forward		\$ 2,497.28

SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS

Abatements--Motor Vehicle	\$ 213.92
Abatements--Real Estate & Personal Property	1,005.28
Ambulance Fund	802.12
Ashfield Historical Society, Inc.	151.02
Assessors' Expenses	657.12
Belding Memorial Library	2,000.00
Building Inspector Program	2,223.50
Chapt. 90 Const.--1975 Fiscal Year	2,824.70
Chapt. 765, Chapt. 90 Const.--1976 Fiscal Year	28,057.97
Chapt. 497--General Highway Fund	23,002.04
Chapt. 825, Sect. 1--1977 Fiscal Year	5,296.12

Chapt. 1140, Sect. 20--Special Highway Fund	9,385.88
Charity	290.00
Civil Defense Director	150.00
Conservation Commission	25.10
Dump	2,799.60
Elections	356.67
Fire Station--Repairs to roof	1,195.00
Fires & Equipment	2,751.62
Health, Board of	34.00
Heating Town Hall & Fire Station	150.93
Highway Dept.--Paid Vacations & Holidays	2,846.40
Highway Dept.--Sick Leave	664.20
Insurance on Town Buildings & Equipment	2,759.00
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	1,390.10
Machinery Expense	10,322.98
Mental Health Services	1,274.00
District Nurse	1,237.95
Office Expense	3,204.18
Painting & Repairs to Town Hall	2,085.00
Parks & Beach	509.39
Police Chief's Salary	6,000.02
Police Dept.--New Cruiser	4,648.00
Police Department	2,732.63
Printing Town Reports & Ballots	367.04
Rent of Hydrants	675.00
Retirement System--Maintenance	15,150.00
Schools: Ashfield Public Schools	108,513.42
Mohawk Trail Regional	146,510.21
Updating Sewerage & Wastewater Report	750.00
State Assessment--Comm. of Mass.	7,596.63
Street Lights	1,319.26
Tax, Franklin County	17,847.50
Town Counsel	312.99
Town Hall	1,949.63
Town Officers	3,225.00
Tree Warden	794.50
Veterans' Benefits	2,693.25
Veterans' Center, Maintenance	1,510.00
Winter Roads	6,259.84
Workmen's Compensation	3,162.00

	\$441,682.71
Income:	
Blue Cross, Blue Shield - Deductions	3,621.75
Dog Licenses - Treasurer, Franklin County	284.60
Franklin County Retirement - Deductions	2,828.73

Police - Extra Duty	665.00
Taxes, State Withholding - Deductions	5,156.94

TOTAL:	\$454,239.73
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

EDWARD W. SCOTT
RALPH L. HOWES
RUSSELL V. LOOMIS

Following is a list of the Appropriations made by the Voters of the Town of Ashfield at the Annual Town Meeting, April 3, 1976:—

	By Taxation	Available Funds
Ambulance Maintenance Fund - Transfer		
1975 Earnings & Gifts (\$1,135.00)		4,626.25
1975 Ambulance Fund (\$3,491.25)		
Ashfield Historical Society, Inc.	151.02	
Assessors' Expenses	2,000.00	
Belding Memorial Library (\$4,453.65 Tax.; \$496.35 Dog Refund)	4,453.65	496.35
Bonds	500.00	
Building Inspector Program	2,223.50	
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00	
Chapter 497 - General Highway Fund	23,000.00	
Chapter 765 - Chapter 90 Construction		35,251.00
Civil Defense	50.00	
Civil Defense Director	300.00	
Conservation Commission	100.00	
Dump	6,000.00	
Elections	600.00	
Fires & Equipment	4,370.00	
Fire Station - Repairs to roof (Frederick Cross Fund)		1,600.00
Health, Board of	100.00	
Heating Town Hall & Fire Station	1,600.00	
Highway Dept. - Paid Vacations & Holidays	3,910.00	
Highway Dept. - Sick Leave	1,280.00	
Inspection of Animals	125.00	
Insurance - Town Buildings & Equipment (Free Cash)		5,500.00
Lifeguard & Swimming Instruction	1,500.00	

Machinery Expense Transfer

Machinery Earnings (Jan. 1, '76 - June 30, '76) (\$ 785.32)

Balance of Machinery Expense Acc't @June 30, '76 (\$2,483.42)

3,268.74

Memorial Day	250.00	
Mental Health Services	1,274.00	
Nurse - Ashfield Share	3,995.00	
Office Expense	5,000.00	
Painting & Repairs to Town Hall (Frederick Cross Fund)		1,00.00
Parks & Beach	600.00	
Police Chief's Salary (Revenue Sharing)		11,300.00
Police Dept. - New Cruiser (Revenue Sharing)		4,700.00
Police Department	5,000.00	
Printing Town Reports & Ballots (Free Cash)		2,000.00
Registrars	150.00	
Rent of Hydrants	800.00	
Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus)		2,500.00
Retirement System, Franklin County	15,150.00	
Schools: Ashfield Public Schools	237,965.00	
Mohawk Trail Regional - Cap., Oper., Vocat.	204,801.88	
Street Lights	2,900.00	
Street Listing	250.00	
Town Counsel	2,500.00	
Town Hall	2,000.00	
Town Officers	7,000.00	
Tree Warden	2,000.00	
Veterans' Benefits (Free Cash)		2,500.00
Western Franklin Veterans' Center, Maintenance	1,510.00	
Winter Roads	30,000.00	
Workmen's Compensation	3,200.00	
Totals:	\$578,784.05	\$ 74,742.34

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS:

May 11, 1976

Police Chief's Salary --

Appropriation from Revenue Sharing

\$ 700.00

September 27, 1976

Fiscal 1977 Machinery Expense--

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus

15,000.00

Painting & Repairs to Town Hall Steeple--

Appropriation from Frederick Cross Fund

1.100.00

December 28, 1976

Veterans' Benefits--

Appropriation from Overlay Surplus		2,500.00
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Grand Totals:	\$578,784.05	\$ 94,042.34
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Eleanor M. Ward
 Town Clerk

JURY LIST

Jeffery R. Abrams, Hawley Road	Social Agency Planner
Diana M. Bennett, Main St.	Housewife
David L. Coburn, Conway Road	Designer
Lorraine B. Dyer, Hawley Road	Nurse's Aide
Martin W. Ebert, Cape St.	Engineer
Doris O. Graham, Buckland Road	Co-Owner, Lake House
Addison E. Graves, Smith Road	Shop worker
Robert E. Hall, Emmet Road	Milk tester
Alexander Hamilton, West Road	Carpenter
Albert R. Kendrick, Bear Swamp Road	Retired
Lynn W. Lesure, Watson-Spruce Corner Rd.	Homemaker
Nancy E. Lipp, Bug Hill Road	Co-owner, store
Kathleen S. Mouglin, Williamsburg Road	Secretary
Ardis W. Nolan, Main St.	Housewife
Joanne H. Ostrowski, Smith Road	Teacher
Muriel D. Ott, Suburban Drive	Housewife
Carol J. Pepyne, Suburban Drive	Insurance claims
Lloyd R. Rich, South St.	Retired
Albert H. Rimbach, Creamery Road	Retired
Alice O. Schreiber, Watson Road	Housewife
Harwood F. Thayer, Baptist Corner Road	Retired
Charity B. Tirrell, Hill Road	Housewife
Beverly A. Williams, Conway Road	Library Aide

TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1975 - June 30, 1976

Cash Balance December 31, 1975	-8,619.40
Tax Receipts	
1972 Personal Property	429.50
1973 Real Estate	321.84
1973 Personal Property	25.50
1974 Six Months Real Estate	1,040.90
1974 Six Months Personal Property	50.13
1974 - 1975 Real Estate	3,244.29
1974 - 1975 Personal Property	54.24
1975 - 1976 Real Estate	114,166.52
1975 - 1976 Personal Property	2,675.52
Motor Vehicle Excise	
Levy of 1970	7.11
Levy of 1971	81.13
Levy of 1972	284.90
Levy of 1973	598.28
Levy of 1974	987.14
Levy of 1975	9,973.64
Levy of 1976	6,876.33
Farm Animal Excise	
Levy of 1974	198.38
Levy of 1975	267.90
Interest	
Taxes	738.16
MVE	74.55
Demands	103.00
Accounts Receivable	
Veteran's Service	52.32
Tuition	36,914.64
County Aid - Chapter 90 Construction	11,750.00
Aid to Highways - State - Chapter 90 Cons.	63,500.00
Trust Fund Income	
Library	
Fredrick A. Cross Fund	133.96
M. M. Belding Fund	125.14
Park	
Whiting Street Fund	64.56
Cemetery Funds	86.96
M. M. Belding Fund	125.14
Interest Series H Bonds	280.07

Country Bank Dividends	13.75
State Withholding Tax	5,702.32
County Retirement	3,294.54
School Lunch Program	
Hot Lunch Receipts	4,384.53
State U. S. D. A. Receipts	5,578.69
Road Machinery Earnings	927.20
Dog Licenses	482.90
County Dog Refund	496.35
Reimbursement for dog care	50.00
Ambulance	
Memory	682.00
Gifts	110.00
Earnings	65.00
Public Health Nursing Fees	656.00
Receipts - Permits, licenses, etc.	
Bicentennial Booklet, Sale of	1.00
Board of Appeals	10.00
Building Inspections	75.00
Building Permits	359.00
Business License	5.00
Campsite permits	5.00
Class II License	10.00
Dance permit	4.00
Disposal Works Permits	26.00
Explosives Permits	4.00
Fines	60.00
Gas License	8.00
Gas Registration	72.00
General License	2.00
Gun Identifications	74.00
Histories, Town - Vol I & II	78.00
Installers Permits	60.00
Liquor I.D.	4.00
Lunch Counter Permits	10.00
Milk License	2.00
Music Revolving Funds	10.00
Police earnings	172.98
Police Insurance Reports	20.00
Pistol License	10.00
Pistol Permits	80.00
Puppet Show	2.00
Purchase of Culvert	20.00
Raffle Permit	20.00
Rent, Town Hall	36.00

Refuse Collection	5.00
Scrap iron, sale of	80.90
Tag Sale	14.00
Transfer from United Savings No. 11418 Chap. 825 Hwy.	19,570.00
Transfer from United Savings No. 9308 Wm Hathaway Fund	20.00
Transfer from United Savings No. 5545 Charity	173.38
Transfer from Florence Savings No. 19520 F.C. Cross Fund	567.79
Interest on Savings No. 8411	318.33
Receipts from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
Civil Defense Agency	123.70
School Aid Chapter 70	22,761.22
Ed Red School Aid Chapter 71, Sec. 16D	3,125.71
Ed Pupil Transp. C71S7A Fiscal Year 74 - 75	25,430.00
Sch Aid Spec Needs GL Ch71B	21,170.16
Ed Lib Extsen Dir St Aid Grant Pub Lib	1,000.00
Ed Bur Library Ext	760.00
Ed Curric Ser Libry Lrng Resrc Distribution	93.17
Local Aid G. L. Chap 58S18C	5,902.36
Highway Fund GL58S18B	26,559.20
Highway & Transit Dev. Ch. 825S3S9	36,145.42
Bicentennial Sec. of Community D	525.00
Division of Animal Health	62.50
Corp & Tax Bur. Local Assessment	2,974.64
Revenue Sharing Receipts	6,614.00
Interest	1,102.09
Transfers from Revenue Sharing	30,000.00
Disbursements	
Selectmen's Warrants	623,859.49
School Warrants	228,813.49
School Lunch Warrants	17,112.18
Title II Warrants	298.15
Music Warrants	110.00
Cash Balance June 30, 1976	
Country Bank Checking account	105,957.24
United Savings Bank No. 8411 - Treasurer's Cash	9,047.01
United Savings Bank No. 11167 - Highway Sec 20	
Chapter 1140	33,721.64
United Savings Bank No. 11418 - Highway Chap. 825	
Section 1	21,666.69
United Savings Bank No. 10827 - Revenue Sharing	17,182.36

June 30, 1976 - December 31, 1976

Cash Balance June 30, 1976	105,957.24
Tax Receipts	

1972 Personal Property	175.00
1973 Real Estate	340.80
1973 Personal Property	456.30
1974 Six Months Real Estate	2,282.87
1974 Six Months Personal Property	30.27
1974 -1975 Real Estate	8,448.62
1974 - 1975 Personal Property	281.28
1975 - 1976 Real Estate	91,491.86
1975 - 1976 Personal Property	13,109.92
1976 - 1977 Real Estate	166,077.00
1976 - 1977 Personal Property	13,461.74
Motor Vehicle Excise	
Levy of 1971	12.38
Levy of 1972	375.09
Levy of 1973	343.93
Levy of 1974	694.65
Levy of 1975	4,345.50
Levy of 1976	26,029.02
Farm Animal Excise	
Levy of 1974	227.30
Levy of 1975	344.85
Levy of 1976	3,308.15
Interest	2,531.31
Demands	310.00
Accounts Receivable	
Veteran's Service	594.23
Library	
Frederick A. Cross Fund	133.96
Park	
Whiting Street Fund	64.56
Cemetery Funds	86.96
Interest on Savings No. 8411	285.30
Interest Series H. Bonds	311.07
Country Bank, Dividend	7.50
State Withholding Tax	5,101.23
County Retirement	2,775.36
Blue Cross Blue Shield	4,457.53
School Lunch Program	
Hot Lunch Receipts	3,032.90
State U.S.D.A. Receipts	3,607.78
Road Machinery Earnings	3,103.10
Dog Licenses	171.90
Reimbursement for dog care	34.00
Ambulance	
Memory	495.50
Gifts	723.00

Earnings	140.00
Public Health Nursing Fees	392.00
Police Department	
Earnings	710.00
Insurance Reports	50.00
Receipts -Permits, licenses, etc.	
Amusement License	40.50
Bicentennial Booklet, Sale of	3.00
Board of Appeals	40.00
Building Permits	351.00
Business License	10.00
Culvert, Sale of	413.00
Dance permit	4.00
Disposal permit	28.00
Equipment, Use of	563.20
Fines	265.00
Firearms ammunition licenses	3.00
Firearms, License to Sell	2.00
Gas Registration	18.00
Gas, Sale of	2.50
General License	4.00
Gun Identification	34.00
Hearing	25.00
Histories, Town	
Vol. I	96.00
Vol. II	114.00
Inn Holder's Licenses	5.00
Installers Permits	30.00
Liquor License	505.00
Lunch Counter	2.00
Music Revolving Funds	90.00
Municipal Lien	6.00
Pistol Permits	30.00
Raffle permit	20.00
Rent, Town Hall	72.00
Scraping Driveways	25.00
Sunday Permit	5.00
Tag Sale Permit	6.00
Wire, Sale of	75.00
Tires, Sale of	186.50
U.S. Treasury - AntiRecession Fiscal Assistance	1,318.00
County Reimbursement - 1974 Construction	4,750.00
Receipts from Commonwealth of Massachusetts	
Sec. Comm. Cen. Exp. Remb. C & T 75, Census Mand Ch.	352.50
Ed. Bur. of Library Extension	1,126.72
Central Service Division	75.00

Sch. Aid G.L. Chap. 70	12,523.16
Dept. of Public Works 28533	251.00
Dept. of Natural Resources	212.50
Sch. Aid Special Needs Program G. L. Ch. 71B	7,237.00
Local Aid Fund G. L. Ch. 58S18C Lottery, Beano, Charity, Games	3,123.08
Hwy. & Transit Development Assistance	565.74
Hwy. Fund G.L. Chap 58S18B 1971 Ch. 497	14,481.78
Special Comm. of Taxation % C	39.30
Corp. & tax, Bur. Loc. Assm. Reimb. City & Town Pub. Owned Land	2,910.42
Corp. & Tax Bur. of Local Taxation 1233 2000 Budgetary	87.50
Revenue Sharing Receipts	10,313.00
Interest	440.31
Transfers from Revenue Sharing - Cruiser	4,648.00
Disbursements	
Selectmen's Warrants	345,726.31
School Warrants	108,513.42
School Lunch Warrants	7,821.44
Title II	126.72
Title IV	93.17
Cash Balance December 31, 1976	
Country Bank Checking Account	61,122.00
United Savings Bank No. 8411 - Treasurer's Cash	9,332.31
United Savings Bank No.11167 - Hwy Sec 20, Chap 1140	34,785.08
United Savings Bank No. 11418 - Hwy Chap. 825, Sec 1	22,424.41
United Savings Bank No. 10827 - Revenue Sharing	19,918.27

PATRICIA C. FARRELL

Town Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

January 1, 1976 - December 31, 1976

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

1968		
Outstanding 12-31-75		108.90
Outstanding 12-31-76	108.90	
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	108.90	108.90
1969		
Outstanding 12-31-75		14.30
Outstanding 12-31-76	14.30	
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	14.30	14.30
1970		
Outstanding 12-31-75		588.76
Payment to treasurer	7.11	
Outstanding 12-31-76	581.65	
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	588.76	588.76
1971		
Outstanding 12-31-75		913.40
Abatement	42.90	
Payment to treasurer	93.51	
Outstanding 12-31-76	776.99	
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	913.40	913.40
1972		
Outstanding 12-31-75		2,737.02
Refunded		62.70
Less to be refunded		-62.70
Payment to treasurer	659.99	
Outstanding 12-31-76	2,077.03	
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	2,737.02	2,737.02
1973		
Outstanding 12-31-75		6,866.14
Refund		49.22
Less to be refunded		-3.02
Abatement	83.33	
Payment to treasurer	942.21	
Outstanding 12-31-76	5,886.80	
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	6,912.34	6,912.34
1974		
Outstanding 12-31-75		6,469.00
Less to be refunded		-40.42
Refunded		40.42
Abatements	39.60	
Payment to treasurer	1,681.79	
Outstanding 12-31-76	4,747.61	
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	6,469.00	6,469.00
1975		
Outstanding 12-31-75		18,935.19
Commitment 1976		3,524.83
To be refunded		4.95
Refunded		648.27
Less to be refunded		-299.66

Abatement	923.98	
Payment to treasurer	14,319.14	
Outstanding 12-31-76	7,570.46	
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	22,813.58	22,813.58
1976		
Commitment		48,423.28
Refunded		510.60
To be refunded		40.90
Abatement	2,313.05	
Payment to treasurer	32,905.35	
Outstanding 12-31-76	13,756.38	
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	48,974.78	48,974.78

REAL ESTATE

1967		
Outstanding 12-31-75		78.20
Outstanding 12-31-76	78.20	
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	78.20	78.20
1973		
Outstanding 12-31-75		698.04
Payment to treasurer	662.64	
Outstanding 12-31-76	35.40	
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	698.04	698.04
1974 Six Months		
Outstanding 12-31-75		3,341.99
To be refunded		73.50
Payment to treasurer	3,323.77	
Outstanding 12-31-76	91.72	
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	3,415.49	3,415.49
1974 — 1975		
Outstanding 12-31-75		16,704.99
Payment to treasurer	11,692.91	
Outstanding 12-31-76	5,012.08	
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	16,704.99	16,704.99
1975 — 1976		
Outstanding 12-31-75		226,795.12
To be refunded		160.48
Refunded		777.44
Abatement	792.12	

Payment to treasurer	205,658.38	
Outstanding 12-31-76	21,282.54	
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	227,733.04	227,733.04
1976 — 1977		
Commitment		365,814.98
To be refunded		47.09
Refunded		194.00
Abatement	4,144.03	
Payment to treasurer	166,077.00	
Outstanding 12-31-76	195,835.04	
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	366,056.07	366,056.07

PERSONAL PROPERTY

1968		
Outstanding 12-31-75		47.91
Outstanding 12-31-76	47.91	
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	47.91	47.91
1969		
Outstanding 12-31-75		50.70
Outstanding 12-31-76	50.70	
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	50.70	50.70
1970		
Outstanding 12-31-75		35.26
Outstanding 12-31-76	35.26	
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	35.26	35.26
1971		
Outstanding 12-31-75		75.24
Outstanding 12-31-76	75.24	
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	75.24	75.24
1972		
Outstanding 12-31-75		946.04
Payment to treasurer	604.50	
Outstanding 12-31-76	341.54	
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	946.04	946.04
1973		
Outstanding 12-31-75		792.90
Payment to treasurer	481.80	
Outstanding 12-31-76	311.10	

	792.90	792.90
1974 Six Months		
Outstanding 12-31-75		644.35
Payment to treasurer	80.40	
Outstanding 12-31-76	563.95	
	644.35	644.35
1974 — 1975		
Outstanding 12-31-75		1,864.80
Payment to treasurer	3,355.52	
Outstanding 12-31-76	1,529.28	
	1,864.80	1,864.80
1975 — 1976		
Outstanding 12-31-75		17,657.20
Payment to treasurer	15,785.44	
Refunded		33.84
Outstanding 12-31-76	1,905.60	
	17,691.04	17,691.04
1976 — 1977		
Commitment		27,730.40
To be refunded		2.09
Payment to treasurer	13,461.74	
Outstanding 12-31-76	14,270.75	
	27,732.49	27,732.49

FARM ANIMAL

1974		
Outstanding 12-31-75		621.56
Payment to treasurer	425.68	
Outstanding 12-31-76	195.88	
	621.56	621.56
1975		
Outstanding 12-31-75		692.95
Payment to treasurer	612.75	
Outstanding 12-31-76	80.20	
	692.95	692.95
1976		
Outstanding 12-31-75		3,838.60

Payment to treasurer
Outstanding 12-31-76

3,308.15
530.45

3,838.60 3,838.60

JANE E. WARD
Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

1976

JANUARY

Name

Parents

4 — Elia Hamilton Curtis D. & Judith (Westcott) Hamilton
16 — Thomas Duane Schreiber Thomas H. & Shirley (Sweet) Schreiber
25 — Heather Marie Gould Dennis A. & Judith (Stimson) Gould

MARCH

24 — Kimberly Angel Shippee Raymond C. & Sharon (Coates) Shippee

MAY

14 — Shana Alleyne Clark Tom B. & Sheralyn (Scott) Clark

JUNE

20 — Nicholas Lee Phelps Nicholas G. & Patricia (Arvidson) Phelps

SEPTEMBER

3 — Elizabeth Patton Rosenbaum

David W. & Janice (Archer) Rosenbaum

OCTOBER

4 — Claudia Jean Johnson Clyde A. & Susan (Lapointe) Johnson

NOVEMBER

17 — Katie Elizabeth Smithers Stephen P. & Diane (Forbes) Smithers

30 — Betsy Ellen Cranston Thomas G. & Cynthia (Graves) Cranston

DECEMBER

3 — Liam Frederick Doyle Robert T., Jr. & Helen (McCloskey) Doyle

19 — Benjamin Andrew Craig James L. & Susan (Helms) Craig

MARRIAGES

Omission reported for 1975:

MAY 24, 1975 Raymond E. Wrisley, Jr.
Conway, Mass.

Pamela M. Rice
Conway, Mass.

1976

JANUARY

3 — Mark D. Graves
Ashfield, Mass.

Elizabeth E. Champigny
Colrain, Mass.

FEBRUARY

- 28 — Robert D. Payant
Greenfield, Mass.

Karen L. Gardner
Greenfield, Mass.

MAY

- 1 — John R. Evans, II
So. Deerfield, Mass.
15 — John J. Stafford, Jr.
Forest Lake, Minnesota
16 — D. Robert Burroughs
Pasco, Washington
16 — Mark R. Kalish
Ashfield, Mass.
18 — Richard G. Smith
Buckland, Mass.

Carolyn Bobetsky
Ashfield, Mass.
Sarah E. Beebe
Ashfield, Mass.
Doris Ann Gray
Ashfield, Mass.
Joyce E. Jacobsen
Ashfield, Mass.
Nadine P. Janiszewski
Buckland, Mass.

JUNE

- 5 — Richard A. Harte
Amherst, Mass.
12 — Norman Pike
Ashfield, Mass.

Julie H. Bohne
Amherst, Mass.
Harriet Haskins
Baltimore, Maryland

AUGUST

- 8 — Robert J. Markey
Ashfield, Mass.
14 — Vernon E. Aiken, Jr.
Leverett, Mass.

Gene Zeiger
Ashfield, Mass.
Eunice Louise Chadwick
Ashfield, Mass.

SEPTEMBER

- 4 — Mark B. Heyda
Northampton, Mass.

Sara (Clarke) Altimari
Northampton, Mass.

OCTOBER

- 10 — Paul A. Letourneau
Whately, Mass.
17 — Jay Evan Myers.
Laguna Beach, Calif.
30 — Thomas H. Ryan
Northampton, Mass.

Terri C. Keyes
Greenfield, Mass.
Valerie Feit
Ashfield, Mass.
Pamela B. Dugan
Northampton, Mass.

NOVEMBER

- 19 — Richard S. Page
Cummington, Mass.
20 — Richard H. Turner, Jr.
Ashfield, Mass.

Wallis E. Schneider
Ashfield, Mass.
Rani K. Brehm
Ashfield, Mass.

DECEMBER

- 11 — Michael D. Hill
Ashfield, Mass.
31 — Leonard G. Graves
Ashfield, Mass.

Joyce Enwright
Lunenburg, Mass.
Grace (Scudder) McGuire
Greenfield, Mass.

DEATHS

1976

JANUARY

Name	Years	Months	Days
6 — Carl F. Dickinson	77	7	21
6 — Amy (Boyitano) Guilford	93	7	3
20 — Mabel (Gardner) Shaw	80	10	15

FEBRUARY

28 — Electa (Stetson) Pease	93	7	2
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APRIL

15 — Maurice R. Torpey	83	7	12
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JUNE

7 — Mabel (Pearson) Keyes	73	11	23
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SEPTEMBER

21 — George Warger	83	7	17
22 — Daisy (Warren) Warren	92	7	12

OCTOBER

11 — Ronald S. McGowan	44	1	2
21 — Richard P. Nye	92	5	29

DECEMBER

2 — Annabelle (Hall) Hall	70	7	14
18 — Philip W. Graves	25	4	29

(Errors or Omissions should be reported to the Town Clerk)

ELECTIONS & BALLOTING

	Registered Voters	Votes Cast
Annual Town Meeting, April 3, 1976	821	326
State Primary, September 14, 1976	765	157
State Election, November 2, 1976	881	773

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

January 1, 1976 - December 31, 1976

96 Male	@ \$ 3.00	\$ 288.00	
16 Female	@ 6.00	96.00	
66 Spayed female	@ 3.00	198.00	
11 Kennel	@ 10.00	110.00	\$ 692.00

Paid to Town Treasurer		\$ 625.85	
Fees retained		66.15	\$ 692.00

FISH & GAME LICENSES ISSUED

January 1, 1976 - December 31, 1976

11 Res. Cit. Sporting (Over 70)			FREE
4 Res. Cit. Fishing (Paraplegic, etc.)			FREE
2 Res. Cit. Hunting (Paraplegic, etc.)			FREE
70 Res. Cit. Fishing	@ \$ 8.25	\$ 577.50	
52 Res. Cit. Hunting	@ 8.25	429.00	
68 Res. Cit. Sporting	@ 13.50	918.00	
5 Res. Cit. Minor Fishing	@ 6.25	31.25	
4 Non-Res. Fishing	@ 14.25	57.00	
1 Res. Cit. Minor Trapping	@ 6.25	6.25	
4 Res. Cit. Trapping	@ 11.50	46.00	
5 Duplicates	@ 1.00	5.00	
3 Non-Res. Hunting (Big Game)	@ 35.25	105.75	
12 Archery Stamps	@ 5.10	61.20	
16 Waterfowl Stamps	@ 1.25	20.00	\$ 2,256.95

Paid Commonwealth of Massachusetts		\$ 2,200.00	
Fees retained		56.95	\$ 2,256.95

Respectfully submitted,
ELEANOR M. WARD
Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

As usual, this year we have been represented at all the Civil Defense Directors meetings held in Franklin County and one meeting held in Northampton.

A new National Warning Fanout System for Franklin County is being tried out with the "Checkerboard" announcement being broadcast over the Tri-State Mutual Aid Net.

A periodic check has been made of the Auxiliary Electric Power Plant as well as the 2-way radio, fallout shelter supplies and some of the medications had to be destroyed, as advised by the Preparedness Agency, because of its age.

The Radiological Monitoring Instruments have been replaced by the State Civil Defense Agency.

Last fall we were officially warned of a possible tornado striking this area and our Civil Defense radio went on "standby" for several hours.

Through the Civil Defense Surplus Depot, a reel of telephone wire was obtained at a reduced price. This was utilized by our Ashfield Police Department.

The primary need for the Civil Defense Preparedness Agency results from the ever present threat of a nuclear attack and, in a secondary role, it is of great value in case of any type of disaster which might strike this area.

RAYMOND H. RENIFF
Respectfully submitted,
Civil Defense Director

REPORT OF THE NURSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Nursing Advisory Committee, which consists of three persons from each of the four towns covered by our nursing agency, usually meets twice a year. This year, we have had many meetings, all concerning the future of the agency.

The options now are decertification or a merger with the Greenfield group, when and if they do form a merger agency, consisting of V.N.A. and County Health.

Certification allows the agency to bill insurances, medicare and medicaid. Monies collected are returned to respective town treasuries.

Committees have been formed to try to set up a merger. At this time, we do not know how this agency will continue after its recertification is reviewed again in May, 1977, or if an extension will be granted. The smaller agencies are finding it more and more difficult to meet the standards of participation.

Mrs. Strippe, Public Health Nurse, was given a salary increase. We thank Lorraine Strippe for her fine service and cooperation.

Eleanor Hubbard from Sunderland and Betty Orloski

from Whately have retired from the Advisory Committee. We thank them for their past interest and service. New members are Joanne O'Shea from Whately and Carol Riley from Sunderland.

Respectfully submitted,
MARGARET TILEY, Chairman
Nursing Advisory Committee

FINANCIAL REPORT

BELDING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

January 1, 1976 — January 1, 1977

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1976	\$ 15.73
State Aid	1,000.00
Town of Ashfield	3,500.00
Milo Belding Trust Fund	3,271.14
Milo Belding Surplus Fund	420.29
Withdrawn from savings	800.00
Mabel Shaw Memorial	313.00
Library Service and Construction Act	760.00
M. M. Belding, Jr. Fund	125.14
Fred Cross Fund	269.02
Sale of books	10.00
Book damage	6.95
Gifts	75.00
Markle Memorial Fund	100.00
Interest on NOW account	9.98

	\$ 10,681.25

EXPENDITURES

Salaries and services	\$ 4,838.62
Books and magazines	1,957.00
Office supplies	165.48
Insurance	340.00
Repairs and improvements	487.91
Janitor's supplies	78.27
Telephone	241.60
Electric lights	281.35

Fuel	732.60
Water	17.00
Safe deposit box	7.00
Desk fund	20.00
Mileage	165.36
Treasurer's bond	33.00
Postage	8.87
Check service charges	5.88
LSCA Fund	760.00
Post Office box	5.00

\$ 10,145.44

Cash on hand January 1, 1977

535.81

LIBRARY SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Franklin county trust co.	\$ 594.91
Franklin Savings Institution	583.33
Greenfield Savings	4,016.33
Northampton Institution for Savings	953.55
Shelburne Falls Savings	691.37
United Savings, Conway	1,768.80

TOTAL

\$ 8,608.29

Respectfully submitted,
HOPE PACKARD
Treasurer

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

The Belding Memorial Library saw several changes in 1976. Mrs. Ann Lilly retired in April. Mrs. Janet Tarr and Mrs. Barbara Zalenski were hired on a part time basis and Mrs. Lynn Jaspersohn continued on her schedule, to fill out the time until a new librarian was appointed, at the annual meeting in August.

Mrs. Barbara Zalenski became the new librarian on September 1. Mrs. Tarr remained as assistant to her and in November Mrs. Arlene DeLuca was also hired as an assistant, dividing a total time of 10 hours for assistance.

Mrs. Tarr and myself took a cataloging course in October and November at the Huntington Library.

Through L. S. C. A. (Library Service and Construction

Acts) funding a dictionary stand and a display cabinet were two new additions to the library. These were made by Robert Markey of Bellus Rd., president of the Friends of the Library. He also enlarged the book slot in the front door so that it will now accomodate most any size book for patrons who wish to return books when the library is not open.

We have had much interest by people who have collections to display them in our new cabinet. Our thanks go to Mrs. Mary P. Howes and Mrs. Jeannette Smith for their displays. During the summer Mrs. Mimi Pieropan had a display of shells and handiwork made by the people of Ponape Island where she and her family spent two years. The Bicentennial Quilt was also on display for a month before the Fall Festival and eventual raffle.

Many books were donated to the library and the Friends of the Library book sale by residents in town. A special thank you to those residents. A large collection of records were donated to the library by Mr. and Mrs. G.M. Phelps as well as books and magazines. New books were purchased through the Markle and Shaw Memorial Funds and a note of thanks to the Clarke Weidman's and Mrs. Carrolle Markle for their donations. Our appreciation goes to Mr. Fabio Coen and his continued interest in the library by continuing to send many new books for all ages and interests.

The Friends of the Library presented a Christmas tree and decorations to be kept permanently at the library for our use.

Circulation for last year was 15,685 with over 362 new books processed during the year. There were 131 new patrons and 112 inter-library loans.

I wish to thank the general public, the trustees and those I have worked with for having patience with me as I have been getting my bearings in my new position. A special thanks to Lynn Jaspersohn for being "teacher". I will do my best to serve the community and hope people will not hesitate to come to the library or call for any assistance they might need or any suggestions they might have for us to better serve the public.

Respectfully Submitted
BARBARA ZALENSKI
Librarian

BOARD OF ASSESSORS' REPORT

During 1976 there was a decided recovery in the real estate market in Ashfield after two below average years in 1974 and 1975; "arms-length" sales totalled about 54 (1974-47 and 1975-43), compared with the 1963 to 1976 inclusive average of 52.6 per annum, for a total of 737. 1972 and 1973 were hyper-active with 70 and 78 sales respectively.

January 1, 1976, The Board added about \$ 2,372,000, or about 14% to the taxable real estate base of Ashfield, bringing the total to \$ 19,254,000, or 4.1 times that of 1966, the year of major revaluation, as shown in the following table:

ASSESSMENT AND TAX DATA

Year**	*Valuation of			Tax Rate	Total Taxes Assessed*
	Real Estate	Personal Property	Total		
1965	1,472	297	1,769	84	148.6
1966	4,650	638	5,288	29	290.7
1972	8,999	1,162	10,160	30	304.8
1974	13,368	1,301	14,670	24	352.1
1975	16,882	1,406	18,288	24	438.9
1976	19,254	1,459	20,713	19	393.5

* Thousands of dollars

** As of January 1

Actually, The Board more than doubled the taxable valuation of the real estate base between 1972 (\$ 8,999,000) and 1976 (\$19,254,000). Total taxable valuation (\$20,713,000) thus became 92.4 percent of the equalized valuation of \$22,410,000 set April 1, 1976 by law by The Commonwealth's Tax Commission.

In 1976 sales of vacant, unimproved land became more numerous, thus more meaningful. Because of the recent trend towards purchase of larger building lots, The Board has revised somewhat its table of four categories of common tract

sizes :

APPROXIMATE AVERAGE PRICE PER ACRE

Sales Year of	Acres 1½ to 12	Acres 15 to 27	Acres 30 to 50	Acres 60 to 160
1972	\$ 791	\$ 425	none	\$ 241
1973	1,253	653	\$ 517	372
1974	1,382	662*	505*	300*
1975	1,398	738	none	127*
1976	1,306	702	598*	295

*too few to be reliable

Again during 1976 The Board completed many more cost analyses of dwellings and auxiliary buildings. The many new dwellings, some of which are advanced towards completion only partially each year, have added to the task, because assessors must revisit them annually.

Respectfully submitted,
WARREN M. CHASE, Chairman
MALCOLM S. CLARK
WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER
Assessors

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

First and foremost, the acquisition of our new Fire Truck, Engine No. 3, upon which we took delivery in Indiana during February, 1976, has immeasurably increased our fire-fighting capabilities to handle today's problems.

One 18 hour training session was held for new recruits during the late fall. Of the eight who started the course, seven finished and have joined the department. Courses taken by various firemen in addition to regular monthly drills were: Ventilation — 2 men; Pre-fire Planning — 1 man; Communications — 1 man; Rural Water Supply Technology — 1 man; Auto Extrication — 2 men; Rescue from High

Places — 1 man; L.P. Gas Fires — 1 man.

The new Fire Truck and the Fire Station were equipped with new CB Radios purchased by the Firemen's Association. The fire department purchased equipment to enable them to apply foam or wet water as needed. Other purchases were: 2 Pair boots, 2 Helmets and 1 Fire Department Frequency Radio for Engine No. 3.

Remember.....Call 628 - 3360 for any of the following emergencies:

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1. Fire department
 2. Ambulance
 3. Motor vehicles accident with personal injuries or gas spills.

The following permits were issued in 1976:

Burning permits	129
Blasting permits	2
Oil burner permits	6
Rocket permits	1
Powder permits	3

TYPES OF OCCUPANCIES IN WHICH FIRES OCCURRED

	1974	1975	1976
Residential	8	13	9
Storage	0	1	1

MAIN CAUSE OF FIRES IN BUILDINGS

	1974	1975	1976
Electrical	4	1	0
Heating	2	11	8
Flammable liquids	1	0	0
Lightning	1	1	0
Children & matches	0	1	1
Unknown	0	0	1

MOTOR VEHICLE FIRES & ACCIDENTS

1974	1975	1976
5	7	9

GRASS-BRUSH-DUMP-MUTUAL AID-MISCELLANEOUS FIRES

1974	1975	1976
14	16	12

NUMBER OF RUNS MADE PER MONTH

January	5	July	2
February	2	August	2
March	2	September	2
April	6	October	1
May	0	November	4

	June 3	December 2	
	VALUE OF PROPERTY INVOLVED AND LOSSES		
	1974	1975	1976
Value of Property	\$170,880	\$428,920	\$539,630
Losses	42,079	9,287	11,375
Insurance paid	41,758	9,287	9,900

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT E. VAN IDERSTINE
 Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 1976 crime seemed to be lower according to statistics. Breaks were cut in half, accidents were lower and calls and complaints half of what they were in 1975. Dog problems were noticeably higher and this continues to be a problem.

A new cruiser was purchased in 1976 from Sweeney Ford and has new equipment the other one did not. It has a divider between the front and back seat which was purchased through earnings from the fall dinner. When we have needed new equipment, we have tried to earn the money rather than take it out of the budget.

In 1976 the new county radio system was completed and is in operation with all twenty six towns in the county. This system has proved itself over and over. Five monitors were purchased for five of the men, again from earnings from the dinner. This will monitor fire and State Police Calls as well as our own county radio system and will aid immensely in the men being in touch with what is going on.

According to new rulings police will have to have four hundred hours of education by July 1978 if they are to continue as police officers. The G.C.C. will be available for this. Also the new First Responders Course in First Aid has to be taken by all the men and completed by July 1, 1977.

I took a course last year on Juvenile Procedures to continue updating my knowledge. The Ashfield Police Department, Juvenile Probation officers, judges and Department of Youth Services are working on facilities for better cor-

rectional procedures for juveniles, by job training and academic education. With this we hope to cut down future problems with these youths, especially the repeat offenders.

I wish to thank the selectmen and residents for their cooperation during the year. I believe it was their cooperation that was partly responsible for the lower crime rate.

I also want to express my appreciation to all the men and their wives for their great help and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
WALTER D. ZALENSKI
Chief of Police

POLICE STATISTICS

	1976	1975
Miles covered by cruiser	24,026	23,462
Calls and complaints	1,720	3,166
Investigations	300	440
Assault	1	1
Murder	0	0
Drunkenness	3	6
Vandalism	6	4
Breaking and Entering	9	17
Thefts	8	15
Drugs	2	2
Dog Complaints	124	96
Accidents	40	45
Arrests	5	5
Court appearances	36-92½ hrs.	27-35½ hrs.
Juvenile Court	34½ hrs.	
Citations and tickets	75	88
Trips to hospital	2	5
Deaths investigated	1	1
Special duties	17	10
ID cards	29	118
Pistol permits	6	27
Warrants	3	6

Summons	8	10
Patrols and checks	734	648

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

To the Citizens of Ashfield:

It is still one of my deep concerns why, recently, we are losing so many maple trees that look so healthy one year and all of a sudden completely die within a year of some type of infection. It seems to affect all maples, regardless of age, condition or location. I have tried sanitation, fertilization and good pruning practices with little success. In the past year twelve dead maple trees were removed and still more are marked for removal later on. Road salt was considered one of the prime reasons for the large number of dead maples in the past. This may be partly true along state highways but, in our town, the salt is not that heavily applied to the winter roads. I think rather it is a combination of the many diseases and environmental conditions that have always plagued the maples.

Several trees were pruned, cabled or fertilized on various street throughout the town. Three new street trees were planted in open spaces where trees had been removed. Eighteen trees had to be removed because they were dead or were a hazard to the public.

Work scheduled for 1977 will include more pruning on North Street, Bronson Avenue and South Ashfield. Old tree stumps which have accumulated will be chipped out below ground level. And needless to say, there will be more dead and dangerous trees to remove.

Sincerely yours,
 RAMON R. SEARS
 Tree Warden

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board began the year with Mrs. Mary L. Tilley as a new member, elected for a five year term. The Board continued to meet at 8:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month in the Town Hall

Plot review activity was rather slow during the past year, with only two plans being submitted and processed. The bulk of the past year's effort was concentrated on Ashfield's Growth Policy Statement as mandated by the recent Growth and Development Act, and on the Town's By-laws revision which will be required under Chapter 808, the new Zoning and Enabling Act.

With regard to Ashfield's Growth Policy Statement, several members of the Planning Board participated with Town officials, and other interested residents, in compiling a response to State inquiries as to what the townspeople wanted for Ashfield in terms of its future growth. After the two required public hearings, the Committee finalized a statement and forwarded it to The Franklin County Planning Department and The Office of State Planning. Included with the official document were personal statements from several interested individuals. Ashfield's statement was subsequently incorporated into The Franklin County Regional Growth Policy Statement and sent to the Office of State Planning.

It is interesting to note that Ashfield's participation in the Growth Policy process was by far the most active of any town in the County.

The Planning Board also began the necessary revision of our By-laws. In preparation for this task a joint meeting of the Planning Board, Selectmen, Building Inspector and representatives of the Franklin County Planning Department was held to review the new Chapter 808 and determine what sections of our existing By-laws needed revision. Also, members of the Board attended a seminar on planning at Greenfield Community College for further information and interpretation of the new Zoning Act. Since the new Chapter 808 becomes effective in June, 1978, it is expected that a

draft of our revised By-laws will be ready for public hearings sometime during 1977, which should allow sufficient time for final revisions and approval.

Finally, our participation in County Planning Activities has increased, with Ashfield now having two representatives on the Executive Committee of The Franklin County Planning Board.

RAYMOND T. CASSIDY, Chairman

PAULINE J. NYE, Clerk

DOUGLAS M. ANGLEMAN

BEATRICE V. HOWES

MARY L. TILLEY

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE REPORT

July 1975 - June 1976

Our agency, known as the Ashfield, Conway, Sunderland, Whately Public Health Nursing Agency serves the four town district with home and school nursing services.

Residents are urged to have regular physical examinations and to take advantage of local screening and immunization clinics when offered. Well attended flu clinics were held this fall.

Overall, home nursing visits are increasing for our agency. We feel this is mainly due to earlier hospital discharges and the trend to keep family at home versus nursing home confinement. Home Health aids have been utilized a great deal, assisting with patient care and homemaking duties.

During the past fiscal year, 621 home nursing visits were made, 148 of these to Ashfield residents. Receipts received by your town treasurer for visits during this period were \$1,168.00.

I am grateful to the Selectmen, Nursing Committee members and volunteers for their assistance and interest.

Lorraine Strippe
Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF THE ASHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Ashfield Conservation Commission held ten regular meetings during 1976 and one public hearing.

The public hearing concerned a request by Harley Hunkler to construct a parking lot on a wetlands area and change the course of a brook running through the area adjacent to his home on Spruce Corner Road. The request was approved with the following provisions:

1. That the lot be unpaved to allow the water to sink in rather than run off.
2. That the brook leave the property at the same point it now does, although its course across the property would be changed.
3. That there be no pollution of the brook by animal wastes or otherwise. Several other small changes in wetlands were approved, including the following:

1. Philip Nolan to fill a small area of his land beside the lake.
2. Henry Warger to repair an existing dam and dredge the bed of a former pond above the dam.

The commission received a request from Mrs. Howell, signed by most of the other residents of West Road, asking that the town designate West Road a Scenic Road. The commission agreed to ask the town to do this. Smith Road is the only Scenic Road in Ashfield at the present.

The commission continues to be concerned about the problem of sewage disposal in the center of town and around the lake. It maintains communication with the selectmen as progress is made in dealing with the problem.

Ken Rillings, Jr., and other Boy Scouts have cut a trail, installed several signs and prepared a written description of the trail in the Brewer-Tatro Park greatly increasing the usefulness of the park. Steven Niles is working for the commission in more detailed mapping and exploration of the park.

We discussed the request of the selectmen for our opinion

on the proposed improvement of a short stretch of the Bear Swamp Road. We advised the selectmen that we saw no objections arising out of any damage to the environment.

Members of the Conservation Commission participated in a number of meetings during 1976. Philip and Esther Steinmetz, plus Raymond Cassidy of the Ashfield Planning Board, were among those who attended a nine-session course on Management of Land and Water Resources held at Greenfield Community College. Philip and Esther Steinmetz also represented the commission at the Annual and Fall Meeting of the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions.

Lin Lesure and Russell Fessenden represented the commission on the special committee which held hearings and prepared a Growth Policy Statement for the town at the request of the Commonwealth. Lin Lesure also took part in a two-day conference in Worcester on "The Survival of Agriculture in an Urbanized Environment".

The whole commission attended a joint meeting of Conservation Commissions and the Conservation District of Franklin County in Turners Falls. The purpose of the meeting was to present plans for closer co-operation between these two structures.

The resignation of Arthur L. Williams, Jr. as Chairman was accepted with appreciation for all he has done. Russell Fessenden was elected as his successor.

Conservation Commission
RUSSELL FESSENDEN, Chairman
LINWOOD B. LESURE
PHILIP H. STEINMETZ, Secretary-Treasurer
MICHAEL FITZGERALD, Assoc. Member
ESTHER STEINMETZ, Assoc. Member

REPORT OF THE ASHFIELD AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

For the Ashfield Ambulance Department, 1976 was a year of many changes both in personnel and training requirements.

Our log indicates that a response was made to a total of sixty-four requests for emergency, routine transport or back-up service.

The "run" most frequently recalled occurred when the Office of Emergency Medical Service's Ambulance Director Linda Leddy's scheduled good-will visit to our department coincided with an unscheduled need for prompt ambulance service. The combined presence of the "rural" emergency departments at a multi-accident scene and the timely presence of Miss Leddy and staff proved again that "action speaks louder than words".

This year Sheila Litchfield, Lynn Jaspersohn, Anne Roberts, Barbara Wickland and Debra Shulda were added to our roster of Emergency Medical Technicians bringing the total to thirteen. Having received American Red Cross Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation training, Nat Smith and Nick Phelps became available as Instructors for teaching purposes in Ashfield and in the general area. Similarly, Charlie Buck and Nat became available as American Red Cross Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care Instructors. Doug Mollison, selected to serve on the Franklin County EMS Communication Committee, will work towards the establishment of a two-way radio contact between the area ambulances and the two county hospitals. Eight of our technicians have received certificates qualifying them in the use of the Esophageal Obturator Airway through a training program conducted by the Cooley Dickinson Hospital's Emergency Department.

In March a mini CPR Class was held for the benefit of the EMT's requiring card recertification, while a second course was held for the Ambulance and Fire Department personnel interested in receiving CPR training.

Throughout the year our EMT's participated in various Continuing Education activities, among them our own monthly meetings, EMT Association programs, refresher courses, hospital critiques and workshops, communication, cliff rescue and extrication drills as well as other EMT related projects.

In addition to their rigid training schedules, a number of our volunteers were actively involved in community services, taking blood-pressure readings, teaching classes in our area schools and administering home First Aid while others conducted artificial ventilation demonstrations, held local extrication drills, participated in a simulated rescue sled accident, assisted at various clinics and donated blood.

Through a second generous donation of equipment and supplies from Laura Gene Schneider as well as items provided by other kind donors, we were again able to meet an increasingly large number of sick room needs.

Financially, \$2,175.50 was added to our Ambulance Fund in earnings, gifts and memorials. Using several memory funds and portions of others we acquired some additional supplies as well as the following pieces of equipment:

Trauma Case	(Laura Richardson)
Lending blood-pressure kit	(Laura Richardson)
Blood-pressure monitor	(Sophie Bolaski)
Esophageal Airway	(Philip Graves)
Portable suction system	(George Warger)

This year our gratitude extends to the many families and friends who made contributions in the memory of Carl Dickinson, Amy Guilford, Lettie Pease, Isabelle Howes, Mabel Shaw, Andrew Culver, Bessie Devine, Mabel Keyes, George Warger, Sophie Bolaski, Ronald McGowan, Richard Nye, Annabelle Hall and Philip Graves.

Our appreciation also goes to Jane Ward, Lin Williams, Bob and Lynn Lesure, Helen and Clifton Pease and Clem and Gladys Record for their "behind the scenes" support.

To so many, many more of you who have made this ser-

vice possible, the entire Ambulance "family" extends a most sincere Thank You.

Respectfully submitted,
ALICE WHITNEY
Director

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

The Zoning Board of Appeals had five appeals presented to consider during 1976. All petitions were for Special Permits to conduct various business enterprises. Four permits were granted and the fifth appeal was withdrawn prior to a decision by the board.

The death of Associate Member, Ronald S. McGowan was felt deeply by all who knew him and leaves a hard to fill vacancy on the board. His constant enthusiasm, interest and good judgment were immeasurably appreciated during his service on the Board of Appeals.

To our clerk, Eleanor Ward, a "thank you" from the Board Members.

Respectfully submitted,
RALPH E. TOWNSLEY, Chairman
KENNETH A. LILLY
WILLIAM H. SCHREIBER
MARIANNA T. GRAVES, Assoc. Member

*WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS
SERVICE CENTER*

To the Selectmen of the Town of Ashfield

Herewith is the report of the activities of this office.

Office contracts totaled 2698, an increase of 75 over the previous Fiscal Year, 1974-75

The following is a partial breakdown of the services rendered.

Vietnam Bonus	30
Burial, Flags and Markers	233
Education	107
Employment	14
Pensions, Loans, Compensation, AIQ, Tax	
Hospital, Clinic, Social Security and Misc.	2,236
Photo, none Veteran	78

	2,698

Compensation and Pension Applications have been processed which involved the benefits and claims of twenty four Veterans and or their dependents. Twenty four Veterans have passed away within the district. Five of these deaths being in the town of Charlemont.

Sixty new files have been added to our records making a total of 2770 at this time.

The Selective Service Registration has been discontinued for the time being. No Draft is anticipated at this time. What the future will bring is a mystery.

The manual pertaining to the program of Veteran's Benefits is being revised and will be put into use in the not too distant future.

The Veteran's Benefits Program of this District has aided thirty seven families consisting of a total of 129 persons. A strike resulted in having to aid several families for a period of time. One refund resulted in a return to one member town.

The following is the breakdown of this activity.

EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

Ordinary Benefits	\$ 28,320.85
Fuel	3,329.22
Nursing Homes	2,117.50
Doctor	1,025.00
Medication	1,521.65
Hospital	6,056.65
Dental	98.00
Miscellaneous	2,182.56

	\$ 44,651.43

The District Office is located in Memorial Hall, Shelburne Falls, Mass. It is open from 8:00 A.M. Monday thru Friday. Telephone 625-2000.

My personal thanks to the District Committee for their Co-operation. The Services rendered by the Local Posts of the V.F.W. and the American Legion are greatly appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted
CLYDE H. CHURCHILL
Director

REPORT OF WESTERN FRANKLIN VETERANS' SERVICE CENTER

Fiscal 1976

July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976

Balance July 1, 1975 \$ 4,613.85
Receipts:

Town of Ashfield	\$ 1,367.00
Town of Buckland	2,870.70
Town of Charlemont	956.90
Town of Colrain	1,640.40
Town of Conway	956.90
Town of Hawley	273.40
Town of Heath	410.10
Town of Monroe	956.90
Town of Plainfield	273.40

Town of Rowe	683.50	
Town of Shelburne	3,280.80	
Photo Copies	20.90	
Flags & Markers	1,165.46	
Fed. Withholding	771.60	
State Withholding	278.52	
County Retirement	509.32	

		\$16,415.80

		\$21,029.65

Payments:

Salary-Director	\$ 9,500.00	
Salary-Clerk	687.20	
Salary-Treasurer	150.00	
Rent	900.00	
Office Expense	858.30	
Agent's Expense	314.41	
Janitor	120.00	
Flags & Markers	1,365.11	
Treas. Bond	20.00	
Treas. Checks	8.79	
County Retirement Assess.	1,171.00	
Federal Withholding	771.60	
State Withholding	278.52	
County Retirement	509.32	

		\$16,654.25

Cash Balance June 30, 1976		\$ 4,375.40

July 1, 1976 - December 31, 1976

VETERANS BENEFITS EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

Ordinary Benefits	\$19,009.36
Fuel	1,542.25
Nursing Home	583.59
Doctor	328.00
Medical	682.82
Hospital	730.08
Dental	41.00
Miscellaneous	641.86

\$23,558.96

Respectfully submitted,
OLIVE E. WOOD
Treasurer

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL

DISTRICT COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

In as much as this will be the last annual report by the incumbent Chairman, perhaps he can be forgiven, not for what he is about to say, but for the fact that the report does not, as it probably should, represent a consensus of the Committee.

There is increasing evidence of taxpayer revolt against the public school systems of this country. In some cases it is basically racial, in many cases it is financial, and in most cases it reflects dissatisfaction with the product which the school systems turn out. In recent weeks schools have been shut down in Oregon, Ohio and Connecticut because communities have refused to approve school budgets. Indeed, in one of the towns which comprise our own District, we recently lost a dedicated principal for reasons that involved, in part at least, pressures to reduce school spending.

Fortunately, Mohawk does not have a racial problem, although we should probably not be so smug as to believe that, were it to exist here, our reaction would be any more enlightened than that of racially segregated systems.

To account for budgetary dissatisfaction with schools one need look no farther than the existing nationwide economic disruption, inflation and unemployment. In most states school budgets are the only appropriations subject to local control, and communities may take out their general frustrations by voting "no" on such appropriations. While this is not true in Massachusetts, where towns and districts are re-

quired by law to appropriate amounts determined by school committees, each year sees increased pressure put upon the Legislature to change the law by giving some municipal agency veto power over the school budget. Pressure for this kind of change is augmented by the effects of state-mandated programs, without adequate financial aid, which have been laid on school systems almost every year in recent history. The collective bargaining law and Chapter 766 are two of the most glaring examples. It should be noted, also, that almost any kind of displeasure with schools usually manifests itself through budgetary retaliation.

To account for the general dissatisfaction with the product which schools turn out, however, becomes much more difficult and speculative. In spite of thousands of attempts to define the goals of school systems, a real consensus has never emerged. Rather, accompanying changes in family life and social structure, schools have taken on a day-care center aspect. In addition to education (whatever that term means) schools are expected to instill character, teach manners, provide vocational training and teach many forms of daily living, such as driver-training. Schools tend to become the end-product of community pressure groups. Typically, such groups are oriented toward narrow objectives like athletics, vocational training or, most frequently their objective is reduced spending. Sometimes the administrative staff or faculty operates like a pressure group, and the objectives may be broad or narrow.

In view of general lack of agreement on the basic school objectives, it is perhaps not surprising that there is great dissatisfaction with the product. Much of this may be due to widespread frustration which results from the complications of modern society, economical, ecological, criminal, medical and more. A society which put great faith in the proposition that public education would produce solutions to problems has been sadly disillusioned. The same is true of the proposition that education would ensure satisfying and remunerative jobs. What is more natural, then, than to turn against the institution which seems to have failed its mission so

badly. Furthermore, we have placed many new demands upon schools, demands which we know, deep in our hearts, that schools cannot meet. The resultant guilt feelings may easily be projected upon the school system.

The preceding may be much more speculative than valid. Nevertheless, most people who have served on school committees would agree that they rarely deal with the central question of what an education consists of. Even if attempts are made, no clear cut answer emerges. While many so-called "professionals" would have us believe that they know the answer, the evidence fails to back them up. Schools tend to become an accurate reflection of the community in which they exist. They will be passive, active, innovative or conservative according to the extent to which their community allows them to be, or insists that they be.

While this is inevitable (and probably quite acceptable) in a democracy, in a pluralistic society it may be very difficult to establish limits. Schools cannot possibly be all things to all people; there must be a consensus, or, at the very least, a tolerance and understanding of the other fellow's viewpoint and the demands he may be making on the system. Pressure groups which consider themselves to be endowed with the ultimate wisdom that their course of action (or inaction) is the only correct one, will surely hasten the day when the frustrations become so great that we will see the kind of mindless revolt against the school budget that has occurred in other parts of the nation.

Respectfully submitted,
WINSTON HEALY, Chairman
Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee

REPORT OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

In summary the record of the state in assisting the towns in the support of education has been one of legislation partially funded and payments that have arrived tardily. Under these circumstances is it any wonder that the credibility of the state is held suspect? In reviewing the arguments for and against regionalization it is ironic that the state's principal rationale, namely better educational opportunities is not the most important concern for our area; and further, the most cogent reason for not regionalizing, namely infringement upon local autonomy of school committees, has become rather meaningless in the past decade. And finally, as the reader can now appreciate, the reasons for and against total regionalization are somewhat blurred and weighted down with numerous implications.

Regardless of what ultimately develops in our nine-town area, there are certain questions that remain and must be soberly addressed. These might include:

1. What position do our committees take with regard to the requirement currently set forth by the State Board of Education to bring about total regionalization?
2. Does a special committee representing all our school committees need to be formed to study this problem and develop recommendations as to a course of action?
3. Do we procrastinate with the request of the State Board of Education and hope the problem will go away before the established deadline?
4. And of a more immediate nature, what machinery do we refine or develop to insure the existence of orderly and rational management procedures for the development of educational policy affecting the welfare of the students enrolled in all our schools?

The dilemmas confronting our several school committees need to receive serious study in the coming months. It is

doubtful that any committee would want to go back to the days of three separate superintendencies even assuming the state sanctioned the move and it were fiscally expedient which it is not. We do not know how the future will unfold. Study of the problem together with the passage of time will tell us that. We are presently betwixt and between and at such a point intelligent thought must be directed toward a solution of our organizational problems. But one thing is sure, we must all work together because in unity there is strength.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR P. SILVESTER
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The major thrust of administration and faculty in this past year has been concerned with the clarification and expansion of some of the curriculum now offered to the students at Mohawk. Much progress has been made in developing unit plans and refining behavioral objectives for the individual courses taught here. The progress made in these areas has been helpful in determining the direction and the implementation of objectives so that our students enjoy a more defined and pertinent body of knowledge in these classes.

The addition of new curriculum choices reflect the administration's and the faculty's desire to upgrade the student choices and provide greater depth in the present offerings at Mohawk. This year, the following courses were taught for the first time: Advanced Biology for grades 11 and 12, and an Advanced Food Preparation Course. For the first time also, three foreign languages were offered to include seventh grade students. They include French, Spanish and German. The eventual development and offering of a scientific

mathematics course from last year's efforts to coordinate mathematics and science has been an excellent addition to our curriculum. Also, Art IV was implemented for the first time based on planning in previous years to establish an art program which had continuity and depth. This is the last step in implementing an art program of Art I, II, III and IV.

In the area of school activities, the re-emergence of the school newspaper has been a highlight. A renewed interest in a newspaper is evident and the beginning publications have been of promising quality and interest. The integration of members of the office practice class with the school newspaper has been accomplished by the office practice students' involvement in preparing the typewritten material and the actual printing of the publication.

Certainly, the improved and expanded services to our students with special needs must be recognized. The expansion of the Physical Education program for those students with problems in physical coordination has been an outgrowth of the recognition of special needs in the physical education area. The effort to integrate and coordinate the implementation of educational programs written for special needs students has assumed a much larger proportion than in previous years.

The Resource Center, which I consider the heart of the school, has been active in supplying both programs to aid in academic implementation as well as enrichment. The Resource Center staff continues on a program, most notably to seventh grade students to improve their use of library and media skills. A noteworthy addition to our extensive library has been the acquisition through a grant to obtain local historical materials. This includes microfilm dating back to 1792, as well as 16 millimeter films that deal with appropriate historical subjects. As an aid to the enrichment of our students a new program introduced this year allows the student to examine various types of media and to become familiar with their use. It has been named "Media of the Month."

Resources cannot be discussed without mentioning the establishment of our new SEED Center which will offer in-

formation and workshops in many areas pertinent to faculty, students and community in the area. It is housed at Crittenden School and has already had considerable impact on our school community.

Mohawk students have been involved in many noteworthy projects which I consider the essence of education. One of the most successful projects in this year was one which involved the student body, faculty and community and encompassed the study of political structure. Perhaps the most excellent and interesting part of this program was the culmination of the County Commissioner's election race which included the candidates' involvement in a debate moderated by the chairman of the Mohawk Trail Regional High School Committee, Mr. Winston Healy. Other activities which indicate considerable involvement of our students were a drama workshop program which put on its plays for the elementary schools in the area, and a successful band exchange concert with a high school in Biddeford, Maine. Also, the junior high band held concerts for several area elementary schools. On the whole, there has been a continued expansion of club activities and school activities.

A noticeable change has been the renewed and expanded activity of our student government. The interest and involvement is considerably greater than in past years and reflects an interest and participation in the school and its operation.

Perhaps one of the most important things to happen this year was the acceptance by the School Committee of several recommendations made by an Ad Hoc Committee which consisted of various elements of our local communities. Faculty, administration, students and community members offered comprehensive recommendations for improvement of Mohawk in several areas.

To implement some of the Ad Hoc Committee's accepted recommendations the new Vice-Principal has been participating in a program of clarification and unification of objectives of faculty and administration concerning the maintenance of discipline in the school. Recommendations which

were accepted by the School Committee are being implemented according to the time table directed.

In conclusion, I see this past year as a successfully implemented year with changes coming about in many areas but mainly as a year of substantial strengthening of programs that have been started, and by philosophical changes that have been indicated by students, faculty, administration and community. The indications of renewed involvement of many students in their education is evident as well as the community's desire to improve and upgrade the standards of our complete curriculum. The thoughtful changes brought about by the cooperative effort of the different elements of our community will undoubtedly aid and support our work.

I. MELVIN ABRAHAMSON
Principal

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER

To: The Mohawk Trail Regional School District Committee
From: F. Newton Miller, Treasurer

The financial operations of the Mohawk Trail Regional School District are summarized in the following report.

January 1, 1976 - Cash on Hand	\$ 65,640.80
Received:	
Town Assessments:	\$1,451,038.36
Certificates of Deposit	950,000.00
Savings Account Withdrawals	40,000.00
Commonwealth of Mass. Reimbursements:	
Chapter 492	157,062.63
Transportation	184,694.00
School Building Assistance	53,866.06
School Lunch	34,444.46
Title II	753.83
PL 93-280 (Library Research)	471.98
Vocational Education-Tuition	19,061.00
Vocational Education-Mainten.	6,982.00
Vocational Education-Transport.	17,391.00

Education of Foreigners	2,400.00	
Sex Discrimination (H.E.W.)	100.00	
Chapter 72B (Special Needs)	41,070.21	
Misc. (Town of Shelburne)	50.00	
Payroll Deductions	347,345.78	
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch Collections	66,888.66	
School Athletics	4,503.95	
School Music	1,517.75	
Reimbursement to 5,000 Account	3,308.43	
Evening School Fees	1,645.00	
Interest on Investments	25,487.09	
Capital Account Reimbursement	901.87	
Shop Projects	233.70	
Reimbursement to 2,000 Account	416.65	
New England Telephone Commissions	255.16	
Use of Buildings	307.32	
Use of Materials	34.96	
Lost and Damaged Books	354.96	
C.E.T.A. Reimbursements	2,882.18	
Refunds	905.25	
Miscellaneous	187.45	

Total Receipts:	\$3,416,561.69	\$3,416,561.69

Total Cash and Receipts:		\$3,482,202.49
Paid:		
Certificates of Deposit:	\$1,000,000.00	
Debt Retirement & Debt Service	221,200.00	
Operations:		
Administration	62,094.77	
Instruction	1,021,085.60	
Other School Services	258,515.93	
Operation & Maintenance Plt.	180,287.83	
Fixed Charges	93,007.04	
Community Services	18.18	
Acquisition of Fixed Assets	21,548.45	
Residential Care Tuition	37,080.62	
Vocational Education		
Transportation	36,751.74	
Tuition-Day	38,998.44	
Tuition-Evening	313.50	
Tuition-Practical Arts	190.00	
Distributive Education	9,869.57	
Evening School	6,837.20	
Payroll Deductions	350,111.28	

Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch	100,504.87	
School Athletics	4,999.11	
School Music	1,170.84	
Title II	73.29	
Title III (PL 92-31)	24,486.00	
Title IV	390.68	
Title VI	9,358.03	
PL 94-23	496.08	
Insurance Refund	50.07	
Estimate Receipts (Misc.)	7,060.76	

Total Payments:	\$3,486,499.87	\$3,486,499.87
Cash on Hand - January 1, 1977		(- 4,297.38)

Total Cash and Payments:		\$3,482,202.49
Other Assets on Hand as of January 1, 1977:		
Certificates of Deposit:		
United Savings Bank	\$ 106,194.95	\$ 106,194.95
90 Day Notice Savings Accounts:		
The Pioneer Bank	\$ 110,000.00	
The Franklin Savings Inst.	100,000.00	
United Savings Bank	100,000.00	

	\$ 310,000.00	\$ 310,000.00

Total Other Assets:		\$ 416,194.95

SUMMARY - OPERATING BUDGETS

1977 — 1978 ACADEMIC BUDGET

	TENTATIVE BUDGET
	7-1-77 thru 6-30-78
1000 ADMINISTRATION	\$ 57,295.00
2000 INSTRUCTION	957,261.00
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	255,160.00
4000 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	165,660.00
5000 FIXED CHARGES	87,100.00
6000 COMMUNITY SERVICES	50.00
7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	23,800.00

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,546,326.00

1977 — 1978
SPECIAL EDUCATION

2000 INSTRUCTION	86,945.00
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	32,925.00
4000 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	1,100.00
7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	50.00
9000 OTHER DISTRICTS	58,000.00

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 179,020.00
\$179,020.00 — 12.4415% of Operating Budget after deductions	

1977 — 1978 BUDGET
SUMMARY — VOCATIONAL BUDGET

2000 INSTRUCTION	17,470.00
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	250.00
4000 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	100.00
7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	525.00
9000 OTHER DISTRICTS	200.00

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 18,545
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SUMMARY - TOTAL OPERATING BUDGETS

1000 ADMINISTRATION	\$ 57,295.00
2000 INSTRUCTION	1,061,676.00
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	288,335.00
4000 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	166,860.00
5000 FIXED CHARGES	87,100.00
6000 COMMUNITY SERVICES	50.00
7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	24,375.00
9000 OTHER DISTRICTS	58,200.00

TOTAL FOR OPERATING BUDGETS	\$1,743,891.00
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LESS ANTICIPATED REIMBURSEMENTS FROM
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND
OTHER SOURCES:

Transportation	\$ 148,000.00	
Special Education	40,000.00	
Chapter 74	9,000.00	
Surplus	108,000.00	

	\$ 305,000.00	—305,000.00

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED

\$ 1,438,891.00

ASSESSMENTS ON OPERATING BUDGET

Town	No. of Students Oct. 1, 1976	Percent	Amount
Ashfield	114	12.32%	\$ 177,271.37
Buckland	210	22.70%	326,628.26
Charlemont	106	11.46%	164,896.91
Colrain	166	17.95%	258,280.93
Hawley	19	2.05%	29,497.27
Heath	43	4.65%	66,908.43
Plainfield	39	4.22%	60,721.20
Rowe	32	3.46%	49,785.63
Shelburne	196	21.19%	304,901.00
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	925	100.00%	\$ 1,438,891.00

SUMMARY - CAPITAL BUDGET

Tentative Budget
7-1-77 thur 6-30-78

Towns	Percent As Per Agreement	Amount
Ashfield	11.9%	\$ 16,255.40
Buckland	19.3%	26,363.80
Charlemont	9.9%	13,523.40
Colrain	16.3%	22,265.80
Hawley	2.7%	3,688.20
Heath	4.3%	5,873.80
Plainfield	4.1%	5,600.60
Rowe	11.5%	15,709.00
Shelburne	20.0%	27,320.00
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TOTALS	100.00%	\$ 136,600.00
Principal Repayment		\$ 140,000.00
Interest		50,000.00

		\$ 190,000.00
Less Construction		
Reimbursement from		
Commonwealth of Mass.		- 53,400.00

AMOUNT TO BE RAISED		\$ 136,600.00

VOCATIONAL DAY ASSESSMENTS
AS PER AMENDED AGREEMENT
UPON BASIS OF COST

SCHOOL YEAR 1975 - 1976
VOCATIONAL DAY PUPILS
EXPENDITURES AS OF JUNE 30, 1976

TOWN	NO. OF PUPILS	TUITION PAID	TRANSP. PAID	TOTAL COST	LESS STATE REIM- BURSE- MENT OF	TO EACH TOWN PER AMENDED AGREEMENT
Charlemont	2	3,749	6,880	10,629	7,432	3,197
Hawley	1	1,610	3,440	5,050	3,716	1,334
Ashfield	6	\$12,309	\$20,640	\$32,949	\$22,296	\$10,653
Plainfield	1	1,880	3,440	5,320	3,716	1,604
Totals	10	\$19,548	\$34,400	\$53,948	\$37,160*	

*Divided on the basis of:
1 Pupil — 10% of
\$ 37,160.

PER PUPIL COST

Operating Budget After Deductions	\$ 1,438,891.00
925 Pupils	Per Pupil Cost — \$ 1,555.56

PERCENT OF INCREASE - DECREASE

	Before Deductions	After Deductions
1976 - 77 BUDGET	\$ 1,666,848.00	\$ 1,295,848.00
1977 - 78 BUDGET	1,743,891.00	1,438,891.00
DIFFERENCE	\$ 77,043.00	\$ 143,043.00
Percent of Increase	4.6221%	11.0383%

*REPORT OF THE SANDERSON ACADEMY
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL*

Mr. Arthur P. Silvester
Superintendent of Schools

Ashfield Street
Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts 01370

Dear Mr. Silvester:

I hereby submit my report as Principal of Sanderson Academy for the school year 1976 - 1977.

ENROLLMENT — NOVEMBER 1, 1976

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
K	5	12	17
1	17	13	30
2	11	11	22
3	19	19	38
4	12	5	17
5	14	17	31
6	11	11	22
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Totals	89	88	177

FACULTY AND STAFF

The faculty of Sanderson Academy consists of ten full time teachers. We had no resignations last year. One new shared teacher, Miss Sharon Ostergren, was hired replacing Mrs. Shirley Byron as the vocal music teacher. A full time tutor, Mr. John Guenther was hired under a CETA Grant.

INSTRUCTION

New report cards were developed for all grades. Individual Kindergarten through Grade 3 cards were developed so as to show different concepts that are acquired in these grades. Grades 4 through 6 report cards are a radical change from the traditional type. Each subject is marked and comments are made on the student's progress by the teachers who have the student. This makes for a more comprehensive over view of the individual child's progress.

As there was a drop in Kindergarten enrollment this year, the two sessions of kindergarten were combined into one class. In the afternoon Mrs. Alice Libby team teaches second grade with Mrs. Mary Hall. This enables the teachers to use small groups instruction for certain subjects.

A need had been felt throughout the district for a Community Resource Center. A Federal project was written for \$12,000 to begin such a Center. The project was approved and the SEED Center is now in operation. Ms. Gwen VanDorp was hired as the director. After school workshops for teachers, graduate credit courses, resource materials and a dark room are a few of the things offered for our faculty.

The workshop series for our teachers held once a month, was also continued. The new report cards were developed during these sessions as well as teachers meeting with various lecturers from the academic field on curriculum development and testing. The faculty also went to Plainfield on one of these afternoons to review with parents their children's progress and to acquaint them with different materials used in our school.

The Mexican Exchange Program was continued for the third year. Miss Irene Smiarowski and one parent went with six students to Colegio Hamilton in Mexico City, in February. March saw fifteen students with their teacher, Miss Rosita, come to Sanderson. With the full cooperation of parents of both countries, the program remains an outstanding success.

The Library was moved from the first floor to a former classroom on the second floor. Mrs. Beverly Williams, Library Aide, with the help of parent volunteers, painted book cases and files this past summer. A new area rug was purchased to create a reading corner. With Federal II Grants and with local budget money the library continues to gain in resource materials.

Through the efforts of the P.T.O., two memorial gifts were donated to the school. A living tree in memory of Mr. Paul Steiner was planted in front of the school. An *Atlas of Animal Wildlife* in memory of Mr. Ronald McGowan was presented to our school library. The P.T.O. has also continued the Christmas Fair. The proceeds from this Fair are used for P.T.O. projects and a scholarship awarded to a senior student from Ashfield or Plainfield at Mohawk. The P.T.O. members have been a source of volunteers in our

school library and they are a great asset to this program.

MAINTENANCE

This past summer a new tile floor was laid on the first floor corridor. New copper valleys on the roof were also installed. The main approach to the school was resurfaced.

In closing I would like to thank all the faculty, staff, children, parents and citizens of the town who have been so cooperative and generous in making this school year a success.

Respectfully submitted,
MARTHA A. CONANT
Principal

RESOURCE CENTER REPORT

MOHAWK TRAIL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The inter-library loan system was greatly enhanced this past year by the addition of a CETA employee who served the district in the capacity of mail carrier from January through June. School mail and all inter-library loan requests were facilitated by this service.

One important area of concentration was the teaching of library-media skills, most notably to seventh graders. Each seventh grade English class received orientation followed by more detailed classroom work and exposure to media procedures through the annual MEDIA DAY.

The Resource Center Council again sponsored the annual CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL held in February just before the vacation. Local artists, special performances and an outstanding exhibit of student work in many areas highlighted this year's festival.

Special acquisitions were made in the fields of career education, child and health care, psychology and consumer information. The 16mm films "The Incredible Machine" and more microfilm were added to the collection.

We continue to do extensive inter-library loan business with the Greenfield Public Library as well as with the area elementary schools.

Being the Bicentennial year, local history was stressed in many classes, and the Resource Center was able to obtain material to supplement classroom research from our ORAL HISTORY collection. A \$5,000. Title II Local History Grant awarded the school district allowed us to purchase microfilm of the Greenfield Recorder dating back to 1792 as well as six 16mm films dealing with historical subjects. A film cabinet was purchased to house the film library and new microfilm cabinets were acquired for the microfilm collection.

Cataloging and processing of all print and non-print materials continued to be an on-going, important aspect of Resource Center work.

The change in the master schedule from modular blocks to a seven period day has changed attendance in the Resource Center in that more classes are brought to the library by individual teachers than ever before. Staff members are doing a great deal of teaching specific library skills, especially in the area of reference.

During Mini Course week the Resource Center was the focal point for many activities; books and non-print materials were utilized as well as video tape equipment and tape recorders.

The Resource Center is strongly supportive of the new Seed Center and has assisted by donating many items and helping to catalog, classify and develop programs for the use of materials. A staff member is establishing a community darkroom there and giving a course in photography, while another staff member is teaching a course for para-professionals in the area of library skills.

We continue to be open Monday evenings for the general public and are open afternoons and before school for students.

A program of continued interest is the Artist of the Month exhibit, so popular an idea that many other local libraries are using this strategy also to attract patrons and enhance

the atmosphere of the library. For the first time we have had a student exhibit; in the past all artists have been community members from the nine town area.

This year for the first time we are introducing the Medium of the Month, a step by step program designed to introduce various types of materials to students and faculty members.

SUSAN SILVESTER
Director of Instructional Media

*SANDERSON ACADEMY SCHOOL
LIBRARY REPORT*

During the past year the Sanderson Academy library has experienced a great deal of change in the most positive way.

Over the summer the library was relocated in a larger upstairs room to better accommodate the increased use of the library services, materials and programs and to better house the expanding collection. Volunteers repainted the furniture, and new shelves were constructed in the large closet by custodian Dick Arabia. Two very nice bookcases on wheels were built by Ashfield resident Mr. Pantermehl. Other acquisitions include a new rug, video tape equipment compatible with the present system, as well as a wide variety of print and nonprint material, much of it previewed or recommended by the faculty. A special gift from the PTO was a beautiful *World Wildlife Atlas* donated in memory of Ron McGowan.

Sanderson is indeed fortunate to have so many active volunteers. Their assistance with story hours every morning and the processing of material is especially appreciated.

Students and teachers at Sanderson continue to borrow films from the Nine Town Regional 16mm Film Library located at the Hawlemont Elementary School. The collection of approximately fifty outstanding films grade levels K-6 are easily accessible through our district-wide inter-library loan

system. Circulation of these films reached 278 for the school year 1975-76. A special project underway right now is the cataloging and classifying of these films; duplicate catalog cards will be made available to each school library in the district to facilitate circulation.

Our school district was the recipient of one of three \$5,000 special purpose grant projects awarded by the state last year in conjunction with ESEA Title II. The money received was used to purchase print and non-print material for students in grades K-6 studying local, state and regional history in celebration of the Bicentennial. Microfilm dating back locally to 1972, 16mm films depicting Colonial Williamsburg and out-of-print local history books were among the many acquisitions. The material is currently housed at the Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School and is available to members of the community.

A district-wide library staff meeting was held in the fall at the new community Seed Center. Library aides volunteered their services in a variety of ways; the Seed Center has become a focal point for many library-orientated activities. Sponsored jointly by the Seed Center and the Franklin County Library—Media Group, an introductory library science course is being planned for paraprofessionals.

Library aides Bev Williams and Gladys Kendrick continue to provide excellent service to the teachers and students at Sanderson Academy; working in close harmony with programs and policies dealing with libraries throughout the district, the Sanderson library continues to grow and thrive.

SUSAN SILVESTER

Director of Instructional Media

ESEA — TITLE II LIBRARY

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1976	\$	298.15	
Bureau of Library Extension, Dept. of Ed.		126.72	\$ 424.87

EXPENSES:

424.87

BALANCE: As of December 31, 1976	\$	-0-
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ESEA — TITLE IVB LIBRARY

RECEIPTS:

Division of Curriculum & Instruction, Dept. of Ed.	\$	93.17
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EXPENSES:		93.17
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BALANCE: As of December 31, 1976	\$	-0-
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HOT LUNCH FUND

RECEIPTS:

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1976		\$	3,114.69
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Adult Lunchroom Sales	\$	1,349.14	
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Student Lunchroom Sales		5,903.88	
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U.S.D.A. Reimbursement		9,186.47	
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Other Receipts		57.57	
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Meals Tax		106.84	16,603.90
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			19,718.59
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EXPENSES:

Food		9,258.90	
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Labor		8,063.27	
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Supplies		441.77	
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Equipment		1,221.43	
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Meal Tax		118.98	19,104.35
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CASH BALANCE On Hand December 31, 1976	\$	614.24
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MUSIC REVOLVING FUND

CASH ON HAND January 1, 1976	\$	284.65
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RECEIPTS:

Rentals of Instruments		100.00
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	384.65
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EXPENSES:

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CASH ON HAND December 31, 1976	\$	384.65
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NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

The "NO SCHOOL" announcements are made over the following radio stations:

WTIC	Hartford
WHMP	Northampton
WHYN	Springfield
WHA1	Greenfield
WMNB	North Adams
WTTT	Amherst

The report of the Superintendent of Schools is submitted as the report of the Ashfield School Committee.

ROBERT ROBERTSON, Chairman
BARBARA ZALENSKI
SANDRA GALLERANI

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Our goal in school health is to promote and improve the health of our young people. We intend to achieve this through instruction, conferences, observations, examinations and screenings.

Yearly, each student is given a vision and hearing screening. Failure referrals are sent to the parents and appropriate assistance and follow-up are made by the school nurse.

Physical examinations are done annually by the school physician, Dr. Galbo, for grades 3 and 6. Diptheria-Tetanus immunization boosters are given at this time to the older children who require them.

Our incidence of communicable diseases has declined tremendously during the past few years due to the preventative vaccines available and the immunization status of our children in this area.

The throat culture program has been beneficial for many students.

Local dentists assisted with our dental teaching program this year.

Our annual menstrual educational program for the girls and the developmental changes program for boys has been received well by the older students.

Teachers have had necessary tuberculin tests and many took advantage of the local flu immunization clinics.

Several conferences with teachers and parents are held throughout the year.

My thanks to all for their assistance in our program and hopefully 1977 will be a rewarding and healthy year for all.

LORRAINE STRIPPE
School Nurse

ASHFIELD SCHOOL BUDGET APPROPRIATION

July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977

ADMINISTRATION

School Committee Supplies	\$ 10.00
School Committee Other	55.00
Administrative Salaries	2,447.64
Clerical Salaries	4,151.60
Contracted Services - Census	200.00
Administrative Travel	297.76

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 7,162.00
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INSTRUCTION

Supervisors' Salaries	\$ 1,960.00
Supervisors' Aide (Reading)	630.00
Contracted Services - Curriculum	00
Supervisors' Other Expense	190.00
Principal's Salary	13,780.00
Principal's Clerical	3,965.00
Principal's Supplies & Materials	250.00
Principal's Other Expense	155.00
Teachers' Salaries, Regular	97,690.00
Substitute Teachers' Salaries	1,200.00
Teacher Aides	4,608.00
Contracted Services - Field Trips	500.00
Instruction Supplies	5,000.00
Other Expenses	735.00
Textbooks, Regular	700.00
Library Aide	560.00

Materials & Supplies	440.00	
Audio-Visual Supplies	500.00	
Audio-Visual Other Expense - Postage	40.00	
Guidance Testing Supplies	200.00	
Other Expense - Scoring	100.00	

TOTAL INSTRUCTION		\$ 133,203.00
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		
Attendance Officer - Other Exp.	\$ 20.00	
Health Salaries - School Physician	200.00	
Health Supplies	30.00	
Pupil Transportation, Contrac.	31,500.00	
Cafeteria Salaries	2,203.00	
Student Body Activities - Assemblies	200.00	

TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		\$ 34,153.00
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		
Custodial Salary	\$ 9,116.00	
Custodial Supplies	1,000.00	
Heating	9,210.00	
Utilities	5,221.00	
Maintenance of Grounds - Contracted	550.00	
Maintenance of Grounds - Supplies	80.00	
Maintenance of Building	3,530.00	
Maintenance of Building - Supplies	800.00	
Maintenance of Equipment - Contracted	700.00	
Maintenance of Equipment - Supplies	130.00	

TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		\$ 30,337.00
FIXED CHARGES		
Rental of Garage	\$ 00	
Insurance	375.00	

TOTAL FIXED CHARGES		\$ 375.00
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS		
New Equipment	\$ 1,250.00	
Replacement of Equipment	300.00	

TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS		\$ 1,550.00
PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS		
Tuition to Other School Districts	\$ 00	

TOTAL PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS	-----	\$	00
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SUB-TOTAL: REGULAR OPERATING BUDGET		\$	206,780.00
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INSTRUCTION, SPECIAL EDUCATION

Teachers' Salaries, Spec. Ed.	\$	9,125.00
Substitute Teachers, Sp. Ed.		100.00
Teacher Aides, Spec. Ed.		673.00
Contracted Services - Speech		5,000.00
Instructional Supplies, Sp. Ed.		150.00
Other Expense, Sp. Ed.		20.00
Textbooks, Sp. Ed.		00
Guidance Salaries, Sp. Ed.		4,098.00
Other Expense, Sp. Ed.		80.00
Psychological Salaries		2,064.00
Psychological Contracted Services		1,500.00
Psychological Supplies		50.00
Other Expense - Travel & Confer.		125.00

TOTAL INSTRUCTION, SPEC. ED.	-----	\$	22,985.00
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OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Pupil Transportation, Sp. Ed.	\$	200.00
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TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES, Sp. Ed.	-----	\$	200.00
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PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS

Tuition to Other School Districts	\$	8,000.00
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TOTAL PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS	-----	\$	8,000.00
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SUB-TOTAL: SPECIAL ED. OPERATING BUDGET		\$	31,185.00
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GRAND TOTAL: TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$	237,965.00
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APPROPRIATION

July 1, 1977 - June 30, 1978

ADMINISTRATION

School Committee Supplies	\$	10.00
School Committee Other		63.00
Administrative Salaries		2,798.17

Clerical Salaries	4,294.60	
Contracted Services - Census	200.00	
Administrative Travel	308.23	

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION		\$ 7,674.00
INSTRUCTION		
Supervisors' Salaries	\$ 2,211.00	
Supervisors' Aide (Reading)	700.00	
Contracted Services - Curriculum	200.00	
Supervisors' Other Expense	200.00	
Principal's Salary	14,607.00	
Principal's Clerical	4,313.00	
Principal's Supplies & Materials	240.00	
Principal's Other Expense	185.00	
Teachers' Salaries, Regular	112,225.00	
Substitute Teachers' Salaries	1,200.00	
Teacher Aides	4,413.00	
Contracted Services - Field Trips	700.00	
Instruction Supplies	6,000.00	
Other Expenses	730.00	
Textbooks, Regular	920.00	
Library Aide	1,954.00	
Materials & Supplies	500.00	
Audio-Visual Supplies	500.00	
Audio-Visual Other Expense - Postage	45.00	
Guidance Testing Supplies	200.00	
Other Expense - Scoring	75.00	

TOTAL INSTRUCTION		\$ 152,118.00
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		
Attendance Officer - Other Exp.	\$ 20.00	
Health Salaries - School Physician	200.00	
Health Supplies	40.00	
Pupil Transportation, Contrac.	31,500.00	
Cafeteria Salaries	2,200.00	
Student Body Activities - Assemblies	200.00	

TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		\$ 34,160.00
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		
Custodial Salary	\$ 9,663.00	
Custodial Supplies	1,500.00	
Heating	9,210.00	
Utilities	6,005.00	

Maintenance of Grounds - Contracted	550.00	
Maintenance of Grounds - Supplies	80.00	
Maintenance of Building	8,730.00	
Maintenance of Building - Supplies	800.00	
Maintenance of Equipment - Contracted	700.00	
Maintenance of Equipment - Supplies	155.00	

TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		\$ 37,393.00
FIXED CHARGES		
Rental of Garage	\$ 00	
Insurance	430.00	

TOTAL FIXED CHARGES		\$ 430.00
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS		
New Equipment	\$ 760.00	
Replacement of Equipment	200.00	

TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS		\$ 960.00
PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS		
Tuition to Other School Districts	\$ 3,600.00	

TOTAL PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS		\$ 3,600.00
SUB-TOTAL: REGULAR OPERATING BUDGET		\$ 236,335.00
INSTRUCTION, SPECIAL EDUCATION		
Teachers' Salaries, Spec. Ed.	\$ 9,345.00	
Substitute Teachers, Sp. Ed.	100.00	
Teacher Aides, Spec. Ed.	00	
Contracted Services - Speech	5,000.00	
Instructional Supplies, Sp. Ed.	100.00	
Other Expense, Sp. Ed.	100.00	
Textbooks, Sp. Ed.	00	
Guidance Salaries, Sp. Ed.	4,344.00	
Other Expense, Sp. Ed.	80.00	
Psychological Salaries	2,511.00	
Psychological Contracted Services	1,500.00	
Psychological Supplies	100.00	
Other Expense - Travel & Confer.	125.00	

TOTAL INSTRUCTION, SPEC. ED.		\$ 23,305.00
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		

Pupil Transportation, Sp. Ed.	\$ 3,500.00	

TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES, Sp. Ed.		\$ 3,500.00
PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS		
Tuition to Other School Districts	\$ 6,109.00	

TOTAL PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS		\$ 6,109.00
SUB-TOTAL: SPECIAL ED. OPERATING BUDGET		\$ 32,914.00
GRAND TOTAL: TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$ 269,249.00

EXPENDITURES

January 1, 1976 - June 30, 1976

ADMINISTRATION

School Committee Supplies	\$ 00	
School Committee Other	39.47	
Administrative Salaries	1,698.97	
Clerical Salaries	1,808.98	
Contracted Services - Census	70.00	
Administrative Travel	174.80	

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION		\$ 3,792.22

INSTRUCTION

Supervisors' Salaries	\$ 1,041.35	
Supervisors' Aide (Reading)	360.93	
Contracted Services - Curriculum	00	
Supervisors' Other Expense	97.55	
Principal's Salary	7,681.70	
Principal's Clerical	2,227.25	
Principal's Supplies & Materials	142.58	
Principal's Other Expense	91.03	
Teachers' Salaries, Regular	49,306.12	
Substitute Teachers' Salaries	432.00	
Teacher Aides	2,695.13	
Contracted Services - Field Trips	680.00	
Instruction Supplies	4,496.75	

Other Expenses	566.52	
Textbooks, Regular	349.11	
Library Aide	528.75	
Materials & Supplies	485.19	
Audio-Visual Supplies	230.58	
Audio-Visual Other Expense - Postage	00	
Guidance Testing Supplies	113.77	
Other Expense - Scoring	15.12	

TOTAL INSTRUCTION		\$ 71,541.43
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		
Attendance Officer - Other Exp.	\$ 00	
Health Salaries - School Physician	200.00	
Health Supplies	31.38	
Pupil Transportation, Contrac.	18,375.00	
Cafeteria Salaries	00	
Student Body Activities - Assemblies	83.25	

TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		\$ 18,689.63
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		
Custodial Salary	\$ 4,299.88	
Custodial Supplies	1,324.56	
Heating	6,525.79	
Utilities	2,797.12	
Maintenance of Grounds - Contracted	392.00	
Maintenance of Grounds - Supplies	00	
Maintenance of Building	3,199.36	
Maintenance of Building -Supplies	237.59	
Maintenance of Equipment - Contracted	140.74	
Maintenance of Equipment - Supplies	15.25	

TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		\$ 18,932.29
FIXED CHARGES		
Rental of Garage	\$ 125.00	
Insurance	375.00	

TOTAL FIXED CHARGES		\$ 500.00
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS		
New Equipment	\$ 1,059.76	
Replacement of Equipment	668.98	

TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS		\$ 1,728.74

PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS

Tuition to Other School Districts	\$ 1,459.50
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TOTAL PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS	\$ 1,459.50
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SUB-TOTAL: REGULAR OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 116,643.81
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INSTRUCTION, SPECIAL EDUCATION

Teachers' Salaries, Spec. Ed.	\$ 7,826.89
Substitute Teachers, Sp. Ed.	54.00
Teacher Aides, Spec. Ed.	195.05
Contracted Services - Speech	2,250.87
Instructional Supplies, Sp. Ed.	233.43
Other Expense, Sp. Ed.	00
Textbooks, Sp. Ed.	32.60
Guidance Salaries, Sp. Ed.	1,932.97
Other Expense, Sp. Ed.	85.53
Psychological Salaries	1,148.03
Psychological Contracted Services	583.24
Psychological Supplies	135.69
Other Expense - Travel & Confer.	97.87

TOTAL INSTRUCTION, SPEC. ED.	\$ 14,576.17
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OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES

Pupil Transportation, Sp. Ed.	\$ 150.00
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TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES, Sp. Ed.	\$ 150.00
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PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS

Tuition to Other School Districts	\$ 823.28
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TOTAL PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS	\$ 823.28
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SUB-TOTAL: SPECIAL ED. OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 15,549.45
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GRAND TOTAL: TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 132,193.26
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EXPENDITURES

July 1, 1976 - December 31, 1976

ADMINISTRATION

School Committee Supplies	\$ 00
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School Committee Other	4.84	
Administrative Salaries	1,337.51	
Clerical Salaries	2,163.29	
Contracted Services - Cenus	00	
Administrative Travel	107.54	

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION		\$ 3,613.18
INSTRUCTION		
Supervisors' Salaries	\$ 1,062.95	
Supervisors' Aide (Reading)	240.00	
Contracted Services - Curriculum	00	
Supervisors' Other Expense	33.60	
Principal's Salary	7,480.90	
Principal's Clerical	1,690.04	
Principal's Supplies & Materials	73.45	
Principal's Other Expense	45.80	
Teachers' Salaries, Regular	50,987.01	
Substitute Teachers' Salaries	261.00	
Teacher Aides	1,330.56	
Contracted Services - Field Trips	00	
Instruction Supplies	865.29	
Other Expenses	356.99	
Textbooks, Regular	287.41	
Library Aide	741.33	
Materials & Supplies	280.48	
Audio -Visual Supplies	67.55	
Audio-Visual Other Expense - Postage	00	
Guidance Testing Supplies	13.65	
Other Expense - Scoring	49.44	

TOTAL INSTRUCTION		\$ 65,867.45
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		
Attendance Officer - Other Exp.	\$ 00	
Health Salaries - School Physician	00	
Health Supplies	00	
Pupil Transportation, Contrac.	12,600.00	
Cafeteria Salaries	00	
Student Body Activities - Assemblies	00	

TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		\$ 12,600.00
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		
Custodial Salary	\$ 4,898.80	
Custodial Supplies	40.50	
Heating	2,155.55	
Utilities	2,579.61	
Maintenance of Grounds - Contracted	1,040.00	
Maintenance of Grounds - Supplies	00	

Maintenance of Building	291.72	
Maintenance of Building - Supplies	193.13	
Maintenance of Equipment - Contracted	150.10	
Maintenance of Equipment - Supplies	90.15	

TOTAL OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		\$ 11,439.56
FIXED CHARGES		
Rental of Garage	\$ 00	
Insurance	00	

TOTAL FIXED CHARGES		\$ 00
ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS		
New Equipment	\$ 819.30	
Replacement of Equipment	164.00	

TOTAL ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS		\$ 983.30
PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS		
Tuition to Other School Districts	\$ 00	

TOTAL PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS		\$ 00
SUB-TOTAL: REGULAR OPERATING BUDGET		\$ 94,503.49
INSTRUCTION, SPECIAL EDUCATION		
Teachers' Salaries, Spec. Ed.	\$ 6,601.97	
Substitute Teachers, Sp. Ed.	00	
Teacher Aides, Spec. Ed.	00	
Contracted Services - Speech	982.70	
Instructional Supplies, Sp. Ed.	38.51	
Other Expense, Sp. Ed.	20.16	
Textbooks, Sp. Ed.	00	
Guidance Salaries, Sp. Ed.	2,162.08	
Other Expense, Sp. Ed.	00	
Psychological Salaries	1,198.82	
Psychological Contracted Services	85.00	
Psychological Supplies	13.22	
Other Expense - Travel & Confer.	00	

TOTAL INSTRUCTION, SPEC. ED.		\$ 11,102.46
OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES		
Pupil Transportation, Sp. Ed.	\$ 1,280.88	

TOTAL OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES, Sp. Ed.		\$ 1,280.88
PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS		
Tuition to Other School Districts	\$ 1,626.59	

TOTAL PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS	\$ 1,626.59
SUB-TOTAL: SPECIAL ED. OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 14,009.93
GRAND TOTAL: TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 108,513.42

*SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF
FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE
BUILDING INSPECTOR PROGRAM*

July 1, 1976 - December 31, 1976

During the first six months of FY1977 the workload of the F.C.C.B.I.P. continued to increase as various State Regulations changed and as more and more people became aware of the various types of assistance offered by our agency. The Regional Housing Authority, Office of Consumer Protection, and other public agencies have constantly sought help through us.

Zoning Bylaw enforcement has become a major function of this office since Chapter 808 took effect. The Commissioner has actively assisted area Planning Boards in the re-writing of local zoning bylaws to conform with that act and has met with various local boards to discuss zoning interpretation and enforcement.

As I mentioned in my Semi - Annual Report of last year, Zoning enforcement would put our program to an acid test. It has been such a test, but I feel confident that as various small misunderstandings are resolved, we will find joint enforcement of zoning and building regulations make sense. It will be as impossible for me, however, as it was for the Selectmen to make all of the townspeople happy all of the time.

I am optimistic about the future of our program and I feel that it will grow in size over the next few years. A total of 429 permits were issued for various types of structures, 76 of them being homes. This office also certified 123 public buildings or areas of assembly and inspected several semi-

public pools.

Respectfully submitted,
DEXTER T. BLISS
 Building Commisssioner

PHYSICAL YEAR 1976	NUMBER PERMITS	MONEY VALUE	ESTIMATED PERMIT		TOTALS
			FEEES (OR EQUIV- ALENTS)	INSPECTION FEEES (ACTUAL)	
ASHFIELD	70	\$ 418,174	\$ 801	\$ 75	\$ 876
BERNARDSTON	33	319,505	732	125	857
BUCKLAND	61	211,290	626	188	814
CHARLEMONT	49	267,867	563	279	842
ERVING	39	239,505	520*	125	645
GILL	44	410,600	816	545	1,361
HAWLEY	24	135,365	337	125	462
HEATH	32	340,503	485	25	510
MONROE	2	600	7	—	7
ROWE	27	262,579	517*	—	517
SHUTESBURY	48	547,935	928	—	928
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	429	\$ 3,153,923	\$6,332	\$ 1,487	\$ 7,819

TOWN OF ASHFIELD
Balance Sheet - November 30, 1975
General Accounts

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Real Estate	5,256.28	7,005.68	Revenue Sharing Funds - Public Law No. 92-512	6,531.33
Levy of 1975:			School:	
Personal Property	1,923.12		E.S.E.A. - Title II Library	298.05
Real Estate	21,166.39	23,089.51	School Revolving Funds:	6,829.38
Levy of 1976:			Lunch Fund	4,113.27
Personal Property	19,323.53		Music Fund	284.65
Real Estate	268,913.43	288,236.96	Appropriation Balances:	4,397.92
Motor Vehicle Excise:			General - Revenue	418,537.39
Levy of 1968	116.33		Federal Revenue Sharing:	
Levy of 1969	14.30		New Fire Truck	30,000.00
Levy of 1970	588.76			448,537.39
Levy of 1971	913.40		Receipts Reserved for Appropriations:	
Levy of 1972	2,684.32		Ambulance Fund	785.08
Levy of 1973	6,919.62		Road Machinery Fund	2,692.84
Levy of 1974	6,430.58		Highways:	
Levy of 1975	21,567.26	39,234.57	Chapter 1140, Acts of 1973-	
			Section 22	8,750.00
Farm Excise:			Chapter 825, Acts of 1974 -	
Levy of 1974	540.06		Section 1	19,570.00
Levy of 1975	1,496.05	2,036.11	Overestimates 1976:	31,797.92
Departmental:			Air Pollution Control District	105.48
Veterans' Services		661.15	Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus	54,063.24
Aid to Highways:				

State	134,253.00				
County	16,500.00				
		150,753.00		Levy of 1967	78.20
Dog Officer's Fees -				Levy of 1968	47.91
Due from County		126.00		Levy of 1969	50.70
				Levy of 1970	35.26
Estimated Receipts - to be				Levy of 1971	75.24
Collected		205,466.39		Levy of 1972	946.04
				Levy of 1973-74	7,005.68
Unprovided For or Overdrawn				Levy of 1975	16,126.63
Accounts:				Levy of 1976	13,094.95
Underestimates 1976:					37,460.61
State Recreation Areas				Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Assessment		70.10		Motor Vehicle Excise	39,234.57
				Farm Excise	2,036.11
Unprovided For or Overdrawn				Departmental	661.15
Accounts: (cont.)				Aid to Highway	150,753.00
Overdrawn Appropriations:					192,684.83
Highways:				Surplus Revenue	\$144,507.38
Chapter 81-1972	408.28				
Chapter 90					
Construction:					
1970	21,750.00				
1971	6,750.00				
1972	6,750.00				
Chapter 765,					
Acts of 1972:					
1975	26,467.65				

1976

3,642.65
65,768.58

\$944,603.39

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Trust and Investment Accounts

Trust and Investment Funds:

Cash and Securities:

In Custody of Town Treasurer \$114,809.06
In Custody of Library Treasurer 9,040.76
In Custody of Franklin County
Trust Company, Greenfield 61,563.90

Trust and Investment Funds:

In Custody of Town Treasurer:

Frederick A. Cross General
Purpose Fund (1) \$ 54,419.05
Eliza Miller Charity
Fund 14,908.36
Major W. King
Charity Fund (1) 6,965.88
Susan Howes Charity
Fund 1,184.60
Salmon Miller Charity
Fund 7,101.49
Whiting Street Charity
Fund 2,409.86
Henry Taylor Charity
Fund 4,652.51
William A. Hathaway
Charity Fund 10,508.47
Frederick A. Cross Library
Fund 5,000.00

Frederick A. Cross Cemetery Fund	2,000.00	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	1,250.00	
Stabilization Fund	4,413.84	
	\$114,809.06	
In Custody of Library Treasurer:		
Belding Library Fund Income	1,131.19	
General Library Fund	2,472.92	
Lilly Library Fund	4,520.41	
Sarah Norton Library Fund	916.24	
	9,040.76	
In Custody of Franklin County Trust Company:		
Milo M. Belding Library Fund	45,593.08	
Milo M. Belding Library Surplus Fund	6,206.79	
Milo M. Belding Jr. Library and Park Fund	9,764.03	
	61,563.90	
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	\$185,413.75	\$185,413.72
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(1) Includes cash in general treasury

TOWN WARRANT

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, ss:

To any of the Constables of the Town of Ashfield
in the County of Franklin, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Ashfield, on Saturday, the second day of April next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to act on the following articles:—

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator, Auditor, Clerk, Treasurer and Tree Warden for One Year. One Selectman and Board of Public Health Member, One Assessor, One Member of the Ashfield School Committee, One Member of the Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee and One Park Commissioner for Three Years. Three Constables for Three Years. One Planning Board Member and One Library Trustee for Five Years. All on one ballot and to choose all other necessary Town Officers. Polls may be closed at 3:00 P.M.

ART. 2. To act on the reports of the Town Officers.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$100.00 for the use of the Board of Health. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000.00 under Chapter 497 of the General Laws, Acts of 1971, and transfer into a General Highway Fund. Said money to be reimbursed under Chapter 497 of the General Laws, Acts of 1971. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for Winter Roads, or act re-

lative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Selectmen and Assessors as the Finance Committee, or act relative thereto.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and—or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury, such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges for the following accounts for the 1978 Fiscal Year. The following sums are recommended by the Finance Committee:

Assessors' Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
Bonds	500.00
Care of Soldiers' Graves	175.00
Elections	300.00
Fires & Equipment	3,645.00
Franklin County	
Retirement System	11,359.00
Heating Town Hall & Fire Station	1,600.00
Highway Dept. —	
Paid Vacations & Holidays	4,100.00
Highway Dept. — Sick Leave	1,350.00
Inspection of Animals	125.00
Insurance on Town Buildings &	
Equipment	5,500.00
Office Expense	6,000.00
Printing Town Reports & Ballots	1,600.00
Registrars	150.00
Street Lights	2,900.00
Town Counsel	2,000.00
Town Dump	6,000.00
Town Hall	2,000.00
Town Officers	7,000.00
Tree Warden	2,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00
Western Franklin Veterans' Center,	

Maintenance	1,368.00	
Workmens' Compensation	3,500.00	\$67,672.00
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ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1977, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$250.00 for Memorial Day, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$800.00 for Park & Beach Maintenance, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract with the Ashfield Water Company for the use of hydrants for fire protection and to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$800.00 for that purpose. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$1,600.00 for a Life Guard and Swimming Instructor for the Town Beach. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$1,274.00 for the purpose of providing mental health and mental retardation services for citizens of the Town, and that the sum of \$1,274.00 be transferred to the Franklin—Hampshire Area Board Trust Fund with approval and under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$21,000.00 to purchase a new truck for the Highway Department, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of any used Town Owned Equipment, or act relative thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the balance of the Machinery Earnings as of June 30, 1977 and transfer to the 1978 Fiscal Year Machinery Expense Account to be used for the purpose of purchasing, repairing and operating road machinery, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to designate a portion of West Road as a Scenic Road, said portion beginning at intersection of Brier Hill Road running northerly to junction with Steady Lane Road.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 from Overlay Surplus for a Reserve Fund, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the List of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the 1976 Ambulance Earnings & Gifts (\$2,175.50) to the 1977 Ambulance Maintenance Fund to be used to maintain, equip and eventually replace the Town Ambulance, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the \$5,000.00 bequest made to the Ambulance Fund by Flora Tatro and instruct the Town Treasurer to deposit said amount in a separate savings account, said principal and any accrued interest to be used towards replacement of the present ambulance. (Recommended by Finance Com-

mittee)

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and — or transfer from Available Funds in the Treasury not more than the sum of \$2,400.00 to purchase a radio for the Ambulance. Any state or federal reimbursements to be returned to the Ambulance Maintenance Fund.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will vote to increase the membership of the Ashfield Conservation Commission from three to five members under the provisions of Chapter 223, Acts of 1957 (Chapter 40, Section 8C of the General Laws) with all the power and duties thereof and that the said members shall be appointed by the Selectmen, one for two years and one for three years and thereafter in accordance with the provisions of statute or act relative thereto.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$100.00 for the use of the Conservation Commission. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$4,500.00 to properly garage Engine No. 2, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$3,255.00 for the Town's share of the expenses of the Ashfield-Sunderland-Whately-Conway Public Health District, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$5,000.00 for the operations of the Ashfield Police Department, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and — or transfer from Available Funds in the

Treasury the sum of \$12,500.00 to pay the salary of the Police Chief, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept any monies received under Title II of the Federal Public Works Employment Act of 1976 and appropriate the sum of \$1,318.00 to pay a portion of the general operations of the Belding Memorial Library. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$3,182.00, the sum of \$331.57 to be taken from the Dog Refund and the remainder of \$2,850.43 to come from taxation, for the general operations of the Belding Memorial Library, and to accept any state or federal aid, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$204,179.77 (Capital, \$16,225.40 Operating, \$177,271.37 Vocational, \$10,653.00) to pay the Town's share of the 1977-78 capital cost, operating and vocational budget of the Mohawk Trail Regional School. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$269,249.00 for the support of public and vocational schools. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$50.00 for Civil Defense. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$300.00 for the Salary and Expenses of the Director of Civil Defense, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate not more than the sum of \$2,223.50 to pay

Ashfield's Share of the Franklin County Cooperative Building Inspector Program, or act relative thereto. (Recommended by Finance Committee)

ART. 36. (This Article by Petition) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$157.19 to reimburse the Ashfield Historical Society, Inc. for one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the Real Estate Tax paid by the Society in 1976.

NOTE: This warrant appears as a matter of information only. The OFFICIAL TOWN WARRANT may contain changes and — or additions.

EDWARD W. SCOTT
RALPH L. HOWES
RUSSELL. V. LOOMIS
Selectmen of Ashfield

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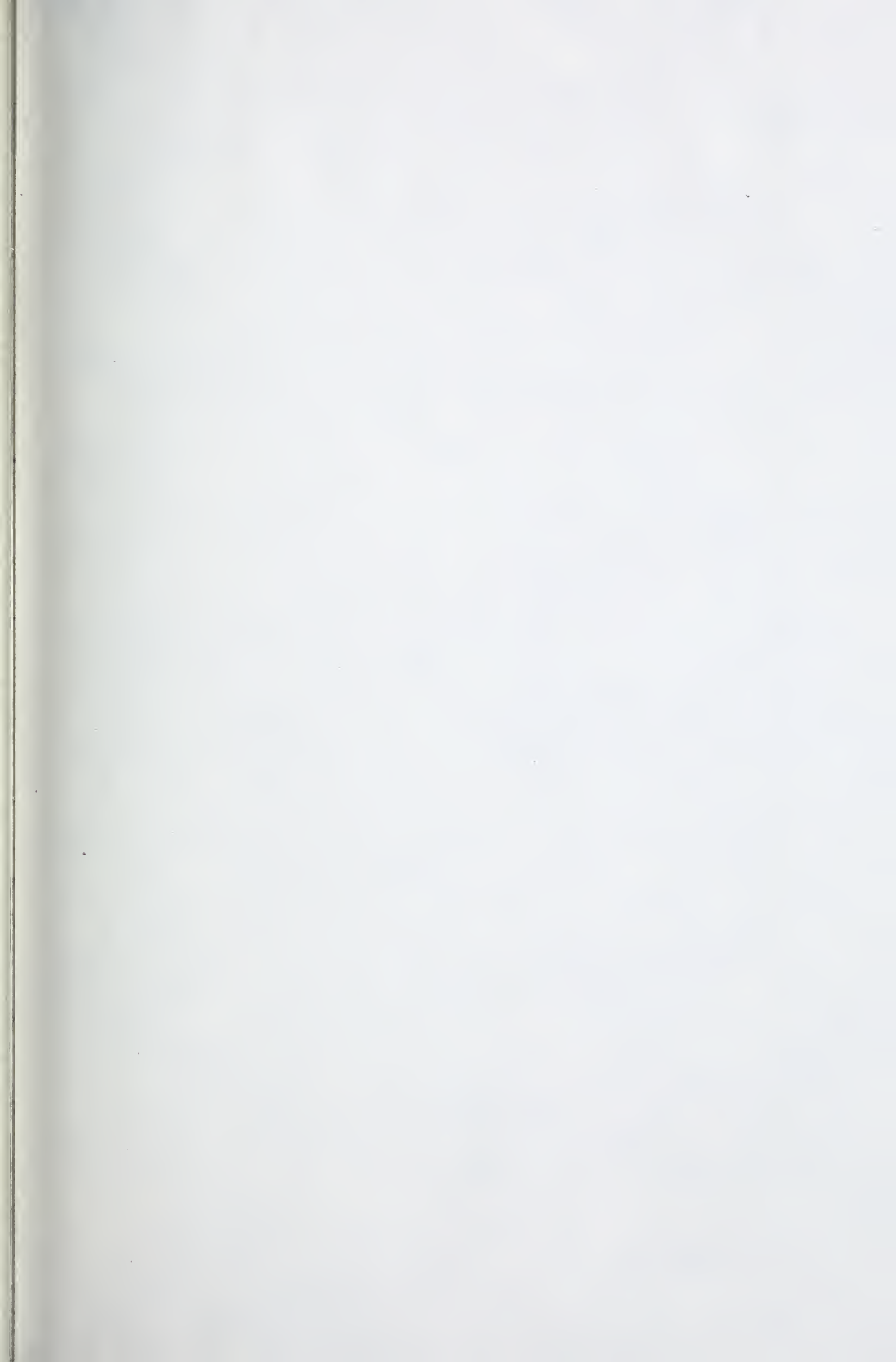
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